

Kendrick Park Committee Report to the Town Manager May 2009

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Introduction

This is the final report of the Kendrick Park Committee and is based on fifteen months of monthly committee meetings, subcommittee meetings, four public meetings (neighborhood, school age, business and an All-Town meeting) and special events including a survey party for teen input at Bertucci's restaurant, field studies in other urban parks, detailed analyses of the tree inventory and site topography, and collaborative events with students at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, which featured designs for Kendrick Park. In addition to the public meetings, suggestions and input from the community was sought through three newspaper runs of survey forms designed by the Committee and sponsored by the Amherst Bulletin/Daily Hampshire Gazette. Email responses and general comments were also solicited via a Kendrick Park email address and direct mail.

Each subcommittee spent countless hours researching various aspects of creating a park, including park use, design, landscaping, maintenance, accessibility, passive and active recreation, materials, history and aesthetics. We have listened and thought carefully about the future of the park and recognize that we would need many Kendrick Parks to include all the hundreds of wonderful ideas expressed by the public. The following report reflects the Kendrick Park Committee's recommendations to the Town Manager as well as to the general public.

Vision Statement

Kendrick Park will be a unique urban green space – an integral and exciting part of a vital Downtown Amherst, creating a beautiful and vibrant destination where all will be welcome.

Design Goals for Kendrick Park

The park should:

- be an oasis a beautiful place;
- adhere to the original intent of the Kendrick Family as described by their trustees (see Appendix #1);
- be an active, multi-use park;
- be physically and culturally accessible to all people;
- have a design and use character that is distinct from other parks in Downtown Amherst;
- honor Amherst's history; its concept should be forward-looking and progressive;
- be sustainable;
- be an attractive destination;
- provide opportunities for fostering a sense of community;
- be an inviting and visible gateway to the northern end of Downtown Amherst.

Public input and recommendations by the subcommittees:

- The design should retain the natural feel of the existing park land by selectively preserving existing trees in accordance with town procedure, and keeping a significant portion of the park as open green space.
- There should be places created for active and passive recreation.
- There should be opportunities for people of all ages to gather and recreate and learn.
- The park design and its use should serve to enhance, support, and revitalize the surrounding commercial area while respecting the nearby residential neighborhood.
- There should be a designated space for children and families a play area that is safe. This should, to the extent possible, be a "natural playground", as defined in the Appendix # 13.
- The park design should provide locations for performing arts of differing types and scales.
- There should be walking paths, including a walkway around the park's perimeter.
- There should be places to sit. Park designers should consider different types of seating instead of generic benches.
- Safe pedestrian access should be created, including new marked street crossings.
- Any built elements, including structures and recreational areas, should be designed to be multi-use, as much
 as possible.
- The park design should use natural materials and forms as much as possible. Materials such as stone, wood
 and earth should be considered, as described in Appendix # 13, Natural Playgrounds, and as noted in
 Appendix # 12B, Natural and Landscape Subcommittee Report.
- Any built features, such as lighting and porous hard-scaping, should utilize the best sustainable technologies available.
- The use of old, on-site foundations to create park elements walls, terraces, etc. should be explored.
- The traditional uses of the park (e.g., Christmas tree sales and ice skating) should be allowed to continue. The town will need to design rules and regulations around park use. All users of the park will be expected to abide by these rules and regulations. The rules and regulations will be subject to review and approval of the Town Manager and an ongoing Kendrick Park Committee.
- An area of the park should be designed to support heavier foot traffic (for example, the Christmas tree sales), so that the integrity of the park grounds as a whole can be protected.
- Park land should not be used for public parking.
- A fee structure should be established for the use of the park for events, to supplement park maintenance.
- Local artists should be given preferential consideration for any art installation in the park.
- There should be an educational component to the park, such as the labeling of plant material and the
 presentation of historical information about the Kendrick family.

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Built Structures

There has been interest expressed in the following additional features. However, built structures of any type are a sensitive issue for many. The Kendrick Park Committee notes that incorporating any of the following features into the park, while useful and desired by many, will represent both a political and design challenge:

- a multi-use structure that can accommodate a public market or farmers' market;
- a carousel;
- a performing arts structure;
- a skateboard plaza;
- sports courts.

Public Restrooms

The need for public restrooms has been a longstanding issue in downtown Amherst. Public restrooms involve many daunting issues of maintenance, cost, security, and liability. However, it should be understood that if no public restrooms are provided, a completed Kendrick Park that succeeds in attracting multiple users will serve them poorly. A lack of public restrooms will encourage unsanitary 'scofflaw' behavior, and will place an unfair burden on the restrooms of adjacent private establishments.

Future Steps

- The current Kendrick Park Committee should remain intact and continue into the design phase;
- The charge of the current Kendrick Park Committee should be extended into the design and development phase;
- A portion of the existing trust fund should be dedicated to an endowment for the purpose of enhancing and helping to sustain the park;
- A portion of the trust fund should be used for preliminary design purposes;
- A fund should be established to receive public contributions for park construction and maintenance;
- Grants should be sought to supplement the design, building and maintenance of the park.

APPENDICES

- 1 Trustee Document and other legal papers
 - Fiduciary Deed, 10/05/06
 - Trust u/w of Jenny Kendrick, a/k/a Jennie Kendrick, 6/16/50 and 4/14/64
 - Article 37 Petition, to see if the Town will vote to accept a gift from the Kendrick Trustees, 5/19/04

Note: There is no record of George Kendrick and Jenny Kendrick's intentions, beyond their trustees' description of the trust's purpose in a 1964 court petition: "to convert the land so acquired into a landscaped park to be known as 'Kendrick Park', for the use and benefit of the general public, and to maintain said park for the enhancement and beautification of that area of Amherst, and to erect thereon a suitable marker commemorating its benefactors."

- 2 Kendrick Park Land and Surroundings, 9/08
- 3 Kendrick Park Historical and Family Context, 9/08
- 4 Kendrick Park A Graphic History of the Site, 10/03
- 5 Kendrick Park Houses, with map entitled "The 'Island' in 1930"
- 6 Maps:
 - Property lines and Aerial Photo
 - Zoning
 - Topography
 - Utilities
 - Detail of utilities
- 7 Tree inventory:
 - Maps (2)
 - Chart with tree species and tree care recommendations
- 8 Community Feedback Chart, Fall 2008

Attachments A – Q

- 9 Memorandum from DAAC (Disability Access Advisory Committee), 12/3/08
- 10 Memorandum from Agricultural Commission, 12/10/08
- 11 Newspaper articles and advertisements
 - 11A Historic articles
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 - 12C Recreation
 - 12D Public Market
- 13 Definition of "natural playgrounds"

APPENDICES (continued)

14 List of Kendrick Park Committee Members

Other resources:

(Copies of documents are available for viewing in the Planning Department.)

"Kendrick Park: An Analysis and Proposal" by Patricia Bischoff, Masters Degree Thesis, 1974, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Plans for Kendrick Park, by Tony Cowles, student of Landscape Architecture, at the University of Massachusetts, Spring 2000

Plans for Kendrick Park, by Landscape Architecture students at the University of Massachusetts, Fall 2003

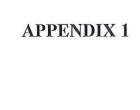
Site analysis and models by Landscape Architecture students at the University of Massachusetts, Fall 2008, taught by Frank Sleegers, Assistant Professor, and Maggie Leonard, Lecturer

Written proposals for Kendrick Park by Architecture students at the University of Massachusetts, Fall 2008, taught by David Dillon, Lecturer

Website:

The Town of Amherst website is also an excellent source of information about Kendrick Park.

http://www.amherstma.gov/index.asp?nid=923



282 Triangle Street, Amherst, MA



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FIDUCIARY DEED

We, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. (successor to The First National Bank of Amherst, Shawmut Bank, N.A., and Fleet National Bank) as TRUSTEE of the Trust established under the Will of George Smith Kendrick and under equity decree dated April 14, 1964, a/k/a The George Smith Kendrick Trust (Hampshire Probate and Family Court Docket No. 36790), and as TRUSTEE of the Trust established under the Will of Jenny Kendrick a/k/a Jennie Kendrick and under equity decree dated April 14, 1964, a/k/a The Jenny Kendrick Trust (Hampshire Probate and Family Court Docket No. 36790), having an address at c/o Steven J. Newman, Bank of America, Private Bank Real Estate Services, 99 Founders Plaza, East Hartford, Connecticut, 06108, pursuant to the order of the Hampshire Probate and Family Court Docket No. 00E-0012GC dated December 28, 2005,

for full consideration but no monetary consideration paid,

grant to THE TOWN OF AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS, a municipal corporation in Hampshire County, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with an address at, Amherst Town Hall, 4 Boltwood Avenue, Amherst, Massachusetts, 01002,

those certain parcels of land, with the buildings thereon, as more particularly described in Exhibit A, attached hereto.

Consideration for this conveyance being nominal, no documentary stamps are attached hereto.

WITNESS our hand and seal this 5 TH day of OCTOBER, 2006.

TRUSTEE OF THE GEORGE SMITH
KENDRICK TRUSTRAL HAS JENNY KENDRICK TRUST
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Trustee and not
individually

By: <u>Steven J. Newman</u> Name: <u>STEVEN J. NEWMAN</u> Title: <u>ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT</u> COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE OF CONNECTICUT HART FORD COUNTY EAST HARTEND, SS.

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EXHIBIT A

PARCEL ONE

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated between Pleasant Street and East Pleasant Street in said Amherst and being triangular in shape and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the granted premises at an iron pipe driven into the ground on the Easterly side of said Pleasant Street; thence running along the Easterly side of said Pleasant Street, the course being supposed to be South 9° 30' west, about three hundred fourteen and five-tenths (314.5) feet to the intersection of said Pleasant Street with said East Pleasant Street; thence running along the Westerly side of said East Pleasant Street in a course supposed to be North 28 ° 10' East about three hundred twenty-nine and six-tenths (329.6) feet to land now or formerly of Abby W. Henry; thence along land of said Henry North 79 ° 20' West one hundred five and nine-tenths (105.9) feet to the point of beginning.

The granted premises are subject to a right of way twenty-two (22) feet wide, as particularly described in the deed from Charles E. Spooner to Harold B. Ketchen, to which reference is made for a particular description of said right of way.

The granted premises are also subject to a right in favor of the Amherst Water Company to lay, repair and maintain water pipes as particularly described in said deed from Charles E. Spooner to Harold B. Ketchen, to which deed reference is made for a more particular description of said rights.

For Grantor's title see deed of Jesse A. G. Andre dated March 18, 1957, and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 1430, Page 81.

PARCEL TWO

The land in said Amherst, with the buildings thereon, situate between Pleasant and East Pleasant Streets, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the tract hereby conveyed, on the East side of said Pleasant Street, it being the Southwest corner of land of Mary E. Dudley; thence running Southerly on said Pleasant Street eighty-three (83) feet to land formerly of Harold B. Ketchen; thence Easterly on land formerly of said Ketchen one hundred and eight and seven-tenths (108.7) feet to said East Pleasant Street; thence Northerly on said East Pleasant Street thirty-five (35) feet to a highway bound and thence continuing Northerly on said East Pleasant Street forty-nine and fifty-five one-hundredths (49.55) feet to land of said Dudley; thence Westerly on land of said Dudley one hundred and twenty-seven and nine-tenths (127.9) feet to the point of beginning. Containing forth (40) square rods, more or less. Distances given are as of survey of Tighe and Bush, December, 1927.

For Grantor's title see deed of William H. Tague and Ada W. Tague dated July 22, 1937, and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 925, Page 30.

PARCEL THREE

A certain estate situated in said Amherst, being land and buildings known as 275 North Pleasant Street, situated between the easterly side of North Pleasant Street and the westerly side of East Pleasant Street, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the premises herein described on North Pleasant Street, formerly referred to as "the highway leading from Amherst Centre to North Amherst"; thence running easterly about ten (10) rods by land now or formerly of Samuel S. Hyde to East Pleasant Street, formerly referred to as "the highway leading from Amherst to the City so-called (Cushman)"; thence southerly about five (5) rods along said East Pleasant Street to the southeast corner of the premises herein described and land now or formerly of George L. Henry; thence westerly about ten (10) rods to said North Pleasant Street; thence northerly along said North Pleasant Street about five (5) rods to the place of beginning.

Containing fifty (50) rods, more or less.

Excepting therefrom that portion of the above described premises taken by an Order of Taking of the Town of Amherst, dated September 5, 1978 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 2053, Page 114. See also plan in said Registry in Plan Book 109, Page 5.

For a more complete description of the above premises see plan entitled "Plan of Land made for The Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst situate in Amherst, Massachusetts," prepared by Engineering Department of Town of Amherst, dated August 1977, and recorded in said Registry in Plan Book 105, Page 4, wherein the above described premises are designated as Lot #3.

For Grantor's title see deed of Robert F. Irwin, Beatrice Irwin and Dudley F. Irwin dated November 10, 1993, and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 4387, Page 94.

PARCEL FOUR

A certain parcel of land known and designated as #285 North Pleasant Street, Amherst, Massachusetts, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the granted premises, at an iron fence post standing in the corner of fences situated about five (5) feet Westerly of the Westerly edge of an asphalt walk on the Westerly side of East Pleasant Street, said fence post being also the Northeast corner of the land of the Heirs of Mary E. Dudley, reference being had to the deed, Joseph P. Campion to Mary O. R. Dudley as recorded in Book 590, Page 27 at the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds; thence

By land of said Dudley Heirs, partly by a woven fence NORTH 77° 35' WEST, One Hundred Forty-five and 20/100 (145.20) feet to an iron pipe situated about Nine (9) feet Easterly from the edge of the granite curb forming the Easterly edge of the traveled way known as North

Pleasant Street, said iron pipe being the Northwest corner of the said Dudley Heirs and the Southwest corner of these premises: thence

Running parallel to said granite curb and Nine (9) feet distant there-from NORTH 9° 45' EAST, One Hundred Eighteen and 88/100 (118.88) feet to an iron pipe at the Northwest corner of these premises, being also the Southwest corner of land of Charles B. Ward and Evelyn B. Ward as recorded in Book 957, Page 318 in said Hampshire Registry of Deeds by the Executors of William T. Chapin's Estate; thence

By land of said Wards SOUTH 76° 30' EAST, One Hundred Fifty-Nine and 40/100 (159.40) feet to an iron pipe standing at the Northeast corner of these premises, being also the Southeast corner of said Wards and stands about Five (5) feet West of the above mentioned asphalt walk; thence

Running parallel with said walk along the Westerly side of said East Pleasant Street SOUTH 16° 41' 20" WEST, One Hundred Sixteen and 06/100 (116.06) feet to the point of beginning first mentioned above.

Containing by survey and computation 17,856.65 square feet of land and buildings as may be seen by reference to the plan entitled "HYDE PLACE" as surveyed July 1959 by Tracy B. Slack, said plan to be recorded.

Intending to convey the same land and buildings as were conveyed to Samuel S. Hyde by William A. Hyde in 1901 as recorded in Book 545, Page 223, excepting so much as was conveyed to William T. Chapin by said Samuel S. Hyde as recorded in Book 570, Page 37, Hampshire aforesaid, the purpose of said conveyance being to straighten their common boundary at said Hyde's Northwest corner and said Chapin's Southwest corner respectively.

For Grantor's title seed deed of George C. Brehm dated January 3, 1964, and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 1430, Page 84.

PARCEL FIVE

A certain tract or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on the Easterly side of Pleasant Street in Amherst, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at the northwesterly corner of said land and at the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of William A. Hyde, at a stake and stones; thence running EASTERLY on said William A. Hyde land one hundred and sixty nine and two thirds (169 2/3) feet to East Pleasant Street and to a stake and stones; thence SOUTHERLY on East Pleasant Street sixty six (66) feet to land now or formerly of Samuel S. Hyde and to a stake and stones; thence WESTERLY on land of said Samuel S. Hyde one hundred and sixty (160) feet to an iron pin on the easterly line of said Pleasant Street; thence NORTHERLY on said Pleasant Street sixty four (64) feet to the first-mentioned corner, containing nine thousand four hundred and sixty (9,460) square feet, more or less.

For Grantor's title see deed of Linda W. Wallace, Executrix Under the Will of Evelyn Brownell Ward dated March 14, 2000, and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 5900, Page 45.

PARCEL SIX

The land in Amherst, with the buildings thereon, situated between the easterly side of North Pleasant Street and the westerly side of East Pleasant Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe set in the easterly line of North Pleasant Street, marking the southwesterly corner of the land herein described and the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Charles B. Ward et ux; thence northerly along North Pleasant Street, 72 feet to an iron pipe marking the northwesterly corner of the land herein described and the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Lawrence P. Kinder et ux; thence easterly along land now or formerly of said Kinder, 175.1 feet to an iron pipe set in the westerly line of East Pleasant Street; thence S. 19° 32' W., along East Pleasant Street, 70 feet to a brass pipe; thence N. 76° 15' W., along land now or formerly of said Ward, 166.2 feet to the point of beginning.

For Grantor's title see deed of Jeffery B. Brown and Shawmut Bank of Hampshire County, N.A., Trustees of the Asbury B. Dunn Trust of 1981, dated December 30, 1987, and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 3113, Page 116.

PARCEL SEVEN

The land in said Amherst, with the buildings thereon, situate on the east side of North Pleasant Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of the premises, it being the northwest corner of land of William A. Hyde; thence running northerly on said highway seventy-six (76) feet to land of George E. Bosworth; thence easterly on land of said Bosworth one hundred eighty (180) feet to the highway leading to North Amherst City so-called; thence southerly on said highway seventy-six (76) feet to land of William A. Hyde; thence westerly on land of said Hyde one hundred seventy-four (174) feet to first mentioned corner; containing 13,452 square feet more or less.

For Grantor's title see deed of Laurence P. Kinder and Ruth F. Kinder dated September 20, 1962, and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 1390, Page 115.

PARCEL EIGHT

The land in said Amherst, with the buildings thereon, situated on the Easterly said of North Pleasant Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone monument at the Southwesterly corner of the premises which is the Northwesterly corner of land formerly of Elijah Ayers, now or formerly of one Kinder, and running thence Northerly along the Easterly line of North Pleasant Street about one hundred sixty-five (165) feet to a stone monument; thence Easterly on land formerly owned by Mrs. Charles Currier, and now or formerly owned by The First National Bank of Amherst, Trustee,

about one hundred forty-seven (147) feet to a stone monument; thence Southeasterly along Triangle Street and East Pleasant Street about two hundred thirteen (213) feet to land formerly of said Ayers, now of said Kinder, at a stone monument; thence Westerly on land of said Kinder to the first mentioned bound.

Subject to water pipe rights as described in deed of D. W. Palmer to George E. Bosworth, dated February 28, 1885, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 393, 234.

For Grantor's title see deed of Clara A. Bosworth, Administratrix of the Estate of Edwin D. Bosworth dated August 8, 1962, and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 1385, Page 488.

PARCEL NINE

The triangular piece of land in said Amherst, with the buildings thereon, bounded westerly by North Pleasant Street, easterly (or northeasterly) by Triangle Street, southerly by land formerly held by one Bosworth, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Tract 1: Beginning at a stone monument on the east side of the highway leading from Amherst to Sunderland, it being the northwest corner of land formerly of D. W. Palmer; thence running northwesterly on said highway about sixty-three feet to a stone monument; thence running easterly on line of land formerly of James White about ninety-four feet to a stone monument; thence running southeasterly about ninety-eight feet to a stone monument, it being the northeast corner of land formerly of D. W. Palmer; thence running westerly on line of land. formerly of said Palmer about one hundred thirty-nine feet to the first mentioned monument or bound; containing fifty rods of land, be the same more or less; being the same property conveyed to Willis G. Towne by deed of Annie M. Currier and Charles L. Currier, dated February 27, 1885, recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 393, Page 7.

Tract 2: Beginning at a monument at the southwest corner of this tract or parcel of land on the highway leading from Amherst to Sunderland, it being the northwest corner of land formerly of Willis G. Towne; thence running northerly on said highway to the old highway formerly leading from Amherst to Sunderland; thence running easterly and southerly on said old highway to a monument at the northeast corner of said Willis G. Towne's land; thence running westerly on line of said Towne's land about ninety-four feet to the place of beginning; containing one-forth acre of land, be the same more or less; being the same property conveyed to Mary E. Towne by deed of James White, dated February 28, 1885, recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 392, Page 485.

For Grantor's title see deed of Willis L. Towne dated June 22, 1951, and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 1096, Page 50.

This conveyance does not create any new boundaries.



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TRUST U/W JENNY KENDRICK, A/K/A JENNIE KENDRICK, DATED JUNE 16, 1950 AND EQUITY DECREE DATED APRIL 14, 1964

(HAMPSHIRE COUNTY PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DOCKET NO. 36790)
TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO
MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 184, SECTION 35

Name Of Trust:

Trust u/w of Jenny Kendrick, a/k/a Jennie Kendrick, dated

June 16, 1950 and under equity decree dated April 14, 1964

(Hampshire County Probate and Family Court Docket No.

36790) a/k/a The Jenny Kendrick Trust

Date Of Trust:

June 16, 1950

Equity decree April 14, 1964 (Hampshire County Probate

and Family Court Docket No. 36790)

Donor/Settlor:

Jenny Kendrick, a/k/a Jennie Kendrick, of Amherst,

Hampshire County, Massachusetts

Trustee(s):

Bank of America, N.A., of Boston, Massachusetts, as

successor in interest to The First National Bank of

Amherst, of Amherst, Massachusetts

Named Successor Trustee(s):

None

Provision For Appointment

Of Successor Trustee(s):

None

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee of the Trust u/w of Jenny Kendrick, a/k/a Jennie Kendrick, dated June 16, 1950 and under equity decree dated April 14, 1964, (Hampshire Probate and Family Court Docket No. 36790) a/k/a The Jenny Kendrick Trust (the "Trust"), whose mailing address is c/o Steven J. Newman, Bank of America, Private Bank Real Estate Services, 99 Founders Plaza, East Hartford, Connecticut, 06108, certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that:

- A. Bank of America, N.A., is the current and sole Trustee of the Trust, has been duly appointed, and has not resigned or been removed.
- B. The Donor/Settlor died on December 26, 1957.
- C. The Trust is in full force and effect and has not been revoked, altered, amended, modified (except as set forth herein) or terminated (pursuant to Judgment of the Hampshire County Probate and Family Court Docket No. 00E0012GC issued on December 28, 2005, the

Trust terminates only upon the transfer of all property, including real property, currently held by the Trust to the Town of Amherst).

- D. As established by equity decree of the Hampshire County Probate and Family Court on April 14, 1964 (Docket No. 36790), the Trustee shall have the following powers:
 - a. purchase all parcels of real estate situated within the triangular area in the Town of Amherst, Massachusetts bounded by North Pleasant Street, Triangle Street, and East Pleasant Street; and
 - b. establish and maintain a public park on said real estate so acquired to be known as "Kendrick Park" for the use and benefit of the general public and for the enhancement and beautification of that area of Amherst.
- E. Pursuant to the equity decree of the Hampshire County Probate and Family Court dated April 14, 1964 (Docket No. 36790), the Trustee has purchased all parcels of real estate situated within the triangular area in the Town of Amherst, Massachusetts bounded by North Pleasant Street, Triangle Street, and East Pleasant Street.
- F. Pursuant to the Judgment of the Hampshire County Probate and Family Court dated December 28, 2005 (Docket No. 00E0012GC), the Trustee is "authorized to convey, transfer, and distribute the real and personal property held by it to the Town of Amherst subject to the terms and conditions of this Court's Decree dated April 14, 1964."
- G. There are no additional facts which constitute a condition precedent to acts by the Trustee or which are in any other manner germane to affairs of the Trust in connection with the aforesaid actions.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

EXECUTED as an instrument under seal to be effective as of the 3157 day of octored 2006.

TRUST U/W OF JENNY KENDRICK, A/K/A JENNIE KENDRICK, DATED JUNE 16, 1950 AND UNDER EQUITY DECREE DATED APRIL 14, 1964 (HAMPSHIRE COUNTY PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DOCKET NO. 36790) A/K/A THE JENNY KENDRICK TRUST

Bank of America, N.A., Trustee as aforesaid

By: Sleven I. Vleumen

Name: Steven J. Newman
Title: Assistant Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTION
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HARTFORD COUNTY, SS. EAST HARTFORD

On this <u>PIST</u> day of <u>OCTOBER</u>, 2006, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared the above-named Steven J. Newman, Assistant Vice President, Bank of America, N.A., as Trustee of the Trust u/w of Jenny Kendrick dated June 16, 1950 and under equity decree dated April 14, 1964, (Hampshire County Probate and Family Court Docket No. 36790) proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was <u>PERSONALLY KNOW D TO ME</u>, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding instrument, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

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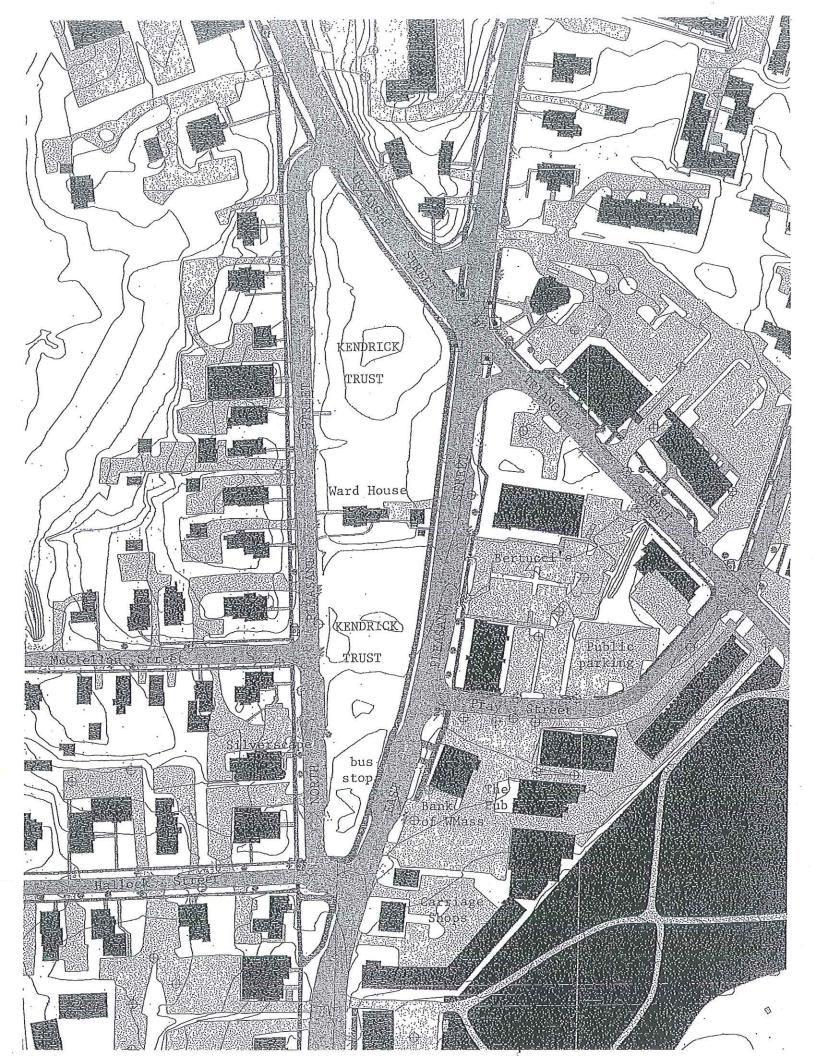
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ARTICLE 37. Petition – Kendrick Park (Gordon)

"To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a gift from the Kendrick Trustees, the land located between East Pleasant, North Pleasant and Triangle Streets, to create there a public park, to be know as Kendrick Park, "for the use and benefit of the general public and of the enhancement and beautification of that area of Amherst," in full accordance with the wishes of George Smith Kendrick and Jennie Kendrick, creators of the Trust."

4.63 Supervision of town properties

The town manager shall have jurisdiction over the rental, use, maintenance, and repair of all town property except school property and property under the control of the town library trustees. The town manager shall be responsible for the preparation of plans and the supervision of work on existing buildings or on the construction of new buildings other than school buildings and buildings under the control of the library trustees. The town manager shall maintain and repair school buildings if and to the extent that the school committee requests, and the town manager shall maintain and repair buildings under the control of the library trustees if and to the extent that they so request.



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Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2004 9:40 AM

To: 'alan.seewald@seewaldjankowski.com'

Subject: RE: Art. 37

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Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2004 9:37 AM

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Article 37. Petition – Kendrick Park (Gordon)

VOTED unanimously that the Town authorize the Select Board to accept, as a gift from the Kendrick Trustees, the land located between East Pleasant, North Pleasant and Triangle Streets, together with the financial (intangible) assets of the Trust, to create on that land a public park, to be known as Kendrick Park, "for the use and benefit of the general public and of the enhancement and beautification of that area of Amherst," consonant with the wishes of George Smith Kendrick and Jennie Kendrick, creators of the Trust and that the Town authorize the Select Board to sell or dispose of the structures located thereon upon such terms and conditions as the Select Board may deem reasonable and appropriate. Action taken on 5/19/2004.



Kendrick Park

The Land

Kendrick Park is a 3.3 acre triangular parcel of land, (an "island") surrounded by three streets – North Pleasant Street on the west, East Pleasant Street on the east and Triangle Street on the north. The park is located about ¼ of a mile north of the central intersection of the Downtown. It is made up of 10 parcels of land which formerly contained a total of 11 houses. These houses have since been either removed and relocated or demolished.

The park as it exists today consists primarily of open, grassy areas surrounded by trees. It currently does not have any pathways or amenities.

The width of the park varies from about 190 feet near its northern end to less than 50 feet at its southern end. It is slightly less than 1/5 of a mile (1010 feet) long.

The topography of the park also varies. The southern 1/3 of the park is relatively flat and low-lying. Tan Brook crosses the park in an underground culvert in this area. In the vicinity of McClellan Street, right above the Tan Brook crossing, there is a low point with an elevation of about 284 feet above mean sea level.

The highest point in the park is a gentle mound at the northern end, near the Triangle Street intersection. At the top of the mound the elevation is about 290.8 feet above mean sea level. Overall, there is a rise of about 7 feet from one end of the park to the other.

Surroundings

Kendrick Park is located at the north end of the Downtown and is partially surrounded by downtown uses. It serves as the northern entrance to Downtown. The park is bordered on the west by North Pleasant Street and a row of predominantly multi-family commercial residential rental buildings. Beyond that row to the west is a densely-settled historic residential neighborhood, with single and multi-family homes. On the east there is a busy shopping and business area, consisting of retail stores, banks, restaurants and offices. The northern tip of the park is the site of a busy four-way intersection that forms the connection between Downtown Amherst and the University of Massachusetts. Immediately north of the intersection there are several small residences and a motel. The southern edge of the UMass campus is within three blocks—easy walking distance—of the park. Downtown Amherst wraps around the southern and eastern edge of the park.

History

The area of Kendrick Park was originally a residential area north of the downtown center which transitioned into farmland to the north and west. The formation of the Mount Pleasant Institute in 1827 flanked the area between two destinations—the downtown and the new educational institution. But it was not until the coming of the railroad in 1853 and the rapid period of growth and expansion in the 1860s-80s accompanying the Civil War that downtown commercial activity and new downtown-edge residential neighborhoods grew north to embrace this area. What is now North Pleasant Street was cut

west of the park area in 1860 and labored under various names, including "West North Pleasant Street", "Pleasant Street", and "Sunderland Street" until finally becoming North Pleasant Street in 1938.

The idea for the park was born in the early part of the last century. In 1930, George Smith Kendrick, President of the Amherst Savings Bank, made a bequest to a trust to purchase a triangular, multiparceled piece of land in the town center and to build a public park, to be donated to the Town of Amherst. Mr. Kendrick, former president of the Amherst Savings Bank, first envisioned the park in about 1925 when he was 80 years old. He was offended by an ill-kept tenement building at the southern end of the park near the homes of several of his banking colleagues, and was determined to make the land an asset to the town rather than a liability.

Mr. Kendrick and his youngest sister, Jenny, both of whom were childless, agreed to leave the bulk of their wealth in a trust to finance the purchase of the park land. The trust was to purchase the individual parcels within the "island" when they came up for sale and when acquisition was complete the land would be donated to the Town for the purpose of becoming a park.

The last house was recently removed from the site and the Town of Amherst has taken possession of the park land.

Drainage

Tan Brook (formerly known as Wolfpit Brook) runs through a culvert under the park. Tan Brook received its name from the tanners who had set up their establishments along the Brook, in the vicinity of the property in the mid-1800's. General Benjamin Lincoln, leader of the Massachusetts militia that put down Shays Rebellion, stayed an evening at a home at the north end of the park on his way back to Springfield from having defeated and captured the rebels at Petersham.

As of 1910 the Tan Brook had been placed underground in a stone tunnel that ran from McClellan Street to the east side of East Pleasant Street. The stone tunnel was replaced with a metal culvert in the latter half of the 20th century. [Jason could tell you when.]

The watershed for Tan Brook is large. Its northernmost extent begins in a wetland saddle between Clark Hill and Wildwood Cemetery and includes "Blackbird Island", the swampy area around the High School and Middle School.

Trees

The park is dotted with mature trees in various stages of health and decline. The predominant pattern of the trees on site is that they reflect the street edge and former residential uses of the area and so are aligned in rows along the outer edges of the park and the property lines of the former house parcels. This pattern tends to create a series of outdoor 'rooms', separated from one another by rows of trees. The locations, species and condition of the trees have been mapped. Most trees are shown to be in good condition. The trees species vary from the native Maple, Ash, Oak, Pine and Hemlock, among others, to exotics such as Norway Spruce, Katsura, Norway Maple and Gingko, among others.

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APPENDIX 3

KENDRICK PARK Historical & Family Context

A Timeline

- The British colonial inhabitants of the Hadley plantation divide up their eastern 'common land' (the area that would become Amherst) for future settlement. They created two wide (40 rod = 660 feet) north-south "highways"—the current West Street and East Street corridors in which all of Amherst's village center commons, meetinghouses, burying grounds, and other shared early facilities were placed. The entirety of the area comprising the Kendrick Trust "island" between North Pleasant, East Pleasant and Triangle Streets falls within the ancient "West" highway. Inhabitants of this area figure in Amherst's early history.
- On February 4 in Petersham, about 3,000 members of the Massachusetts militia routed and captured of many of the fleeing participants of Shays Rebellion. Militia leader General Benjamin Lincoln, returning to Springfield to secure the defense of the Armory there, stayed overnight in Amherst at a residence at the north end of the current "island".
- George Smith Kendrick was born August 23, 1845, in Enfield, Massachusetts, a Swift River Valley town later inundated by Quabbin Reservoir. George was the first of five children born to Benjamin F. Kendrick and Harriet A. (Robinson) Kendrick. James Polk was president. Emily Dickinson was fifteen years old. The Kendrick family later moved to Amherst.
- In October 1857, when George was 12, the first meeting of the Amherst Ornamental Tree Association was held and involved Amherst's leading citizens, educators, and business proprietors. The first article of the Association's constitution states its purpose: "... the object of which shall be the laying out and ornamenting the public common, the general improvement and adornment of the various public walks throughout the village by grading, graveling and lining with trees where there are any deficiencies, and to do anything which may render the public grounds and ways of our village more attractive and beautiful."
- George S. Kendrick was 16 years old when the first shots of the Civil War were fired at Fort Sumter. During the war, from the age of 17 until 20 (1862-1865), George lived in Springfield and worked at the U.S. Arsenal (Springfield Armory).
- Jean "Jenny" Kendrick was born, 17 years younger than George, and lived at her parents' home on Northampton Road (property later developed as Kendrick Place). Benjamin Kendrick operated a meat and produce market in Merchants Row (South Pleasant Street) on the Common.
- At 20, George Kendrick moved back to Amherst for a year. He moved briefly to Boston (1867-69), but returned in 1869 to begin working at the family market.
- George Kendrick, age 24, married Matilda F. Fowler (age 20) in Amherst. They would have no children.

- 1875 Landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, brought to Amherst by Austin Dickinson (Emily Dickinson's brother), prepared a design for improving the Amherst Town Common on behalf of the Amherst Ornamental Tree Association. Olmsted also prepared plans for the Amherst College campus, Wildwood Cemetery, and other Amherst sites. George Kendrick was 30 years old. 1877 In April, the Amherst Ornamental Tree Association was reorganized as the Village Improvement Association. Eventually, all of Amherst's village centers would have their own improvement associations. On July 4th, a massive fire destroyed most of Merchants Row along the west side of the 1879 Common, including Benjamin Kendrick's meat market. The row and the market were rebuilt. 1886 Emily Dickinson died May 15, 1886. George Kendrick was 41 and running the Kendrick Market. He and his wife Matilda lived at the northeast corner of what is now Seeleye and Spring Streets. 1889-90 George's father Benjamin F. Kendrick was a Trustee of the Amherst Savings Bank and on its Investments Committee. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Amherst. 1891 George Kendrick was appointed to the finance committee of the newly-formed Amherst Club, "a social organization, a majority of its membership being made up of young men engaged in business in the village." 1894 George's brother, Dudley H. Kendrick, was hired as manager of the Amherst House hotel, a major community gathering place and 'home' to several town business organizations. 1898 The Spanish-American War broke out. George Kendrick was 53. 1902 The son and daughter of Luke Sweetser deeded a triangle of land between Lessey, Main, and Churchill Streets to Amherst to serve as a public "ornamental park" named for their father. George Kendrick was 57 years old. Jenny Kendrick was 40. 1910 Tan Brook redirected underground through a stone tunnel from the east side of East Pleasant Street and down McClellan Street. 1913 On February 23, 1913, at a hospital in Altamonte Springs, Florida, Matilda (Fowler) Kendrick died at age 74. 1913 Frederick Law Olmsted prepared preliminary designs for an Olmsted Brothers firm plan for landscaping and a fountain for Sweetser Park. The fountain was donated by Amherst business proprietor Enos Foster Cook, a neighbor of the park, trustee of the Amherst Savings Bank (with Benjamin Kendrick), former owner of the Amherst House Hotel (where George's brother Dudley Kendrick was manager), and one of the founding members of the Amherst
- The U.S. entered WWI. At age 71, George S. Kendrick sold the Kendrick Market and was appointed President of the Amherst Savings Bank.

Ornamental Tree Association.

1925

According to Amherst Savings Bank secretary and trust officer Clara Cook (interviewed in 1973-74), George Kendrick (age 80), conceived of a future park because of his negative reaction to the "disreputable" appearance of the highly visible "point house"—a tenement at the southern end of the "island" between North and East Pleasant Streets near Hallock Street.

Built in 1872-73 by harness and trunk store owner and fireman Charles E. Hutchinson, the small house had not been well maintained by subsequent owners. By 1925, it was overcrowded, being rented out to three separate tenants, and lacked indoor toilet facilities. William Chapin, a Vice-President of the Amherst Savings Bank under George Kendrick, lived four houses north of the "disreputable" tenement (in the Chapin-Smith House). He and one or two other "island" neighbors known to George Kendrick may have discussed the tenement with him.

1930

On March 18th, George Smith Kendrick died at age 85. The provisions of his will stipulated that all assets from his estate not specifically granted to other purposes be held in trust, to be managed by a three-person trust committee of the First National Bank of Amherst. The income and an annual portion of the principal from this trust went to support his sister, Jenny, during her lifetime. Upon Jenny's death, the remaining trust funds were to be used for unspecified purposes "subject absolutely to the direction of the Committee [of trustees] hereinafter constituted and described...."

George Kendrick's trustees later (1964) summarized in writing the verbal instructions he had given them concerning the purpose of the trust established by his will. But he wrote nothing of those intentions in his will, hoping to avoid an increase in land prices in the area. George Kendrick' trustees were to quietly buy properties as they came on the market, and they started immediately with the "disreputable" point house.

Disposition of "Island" Properties after George Kendrick Died

When George Kendrick died in 1930, there were eleven (11) houses on the "island." [See attached map and narrative.]

- 1931
- Northampton lawyer Jesse Andre purchased the "disreputable" **Hutchinson House** to hold it for the trustees. He officially transferred the property to the trustees in 1957 following Jenny Kendrick's death, at which time it was razed.
- The **Henry House** was purchased by the trustees and rented until fall 1951. It was demolished in November 1951.
- The two **Towne Houses** on the northern tip of the "island" were deeded to the trustees by the Towne family. The houses were rented for a time and then razed in 1962. Parts of the northernmost house—a late 1700's/early 1800's cape—were salvaged and donated to Old Deerfield for use in its historic renovations.

1957

Jenny Kendrick died December 26, 1957. Her will left the remainder of the trust funds "for such charitable purposes, within the Town of Amherst, as the trustees hereunder, for the time being, may select." The trustees for Jenny's will were the same as the trustees for George's will.

1962

The **Palmer House** and **Bosworth Houses** were deeded to the trustees by the Bosworth family. The Palmer House was razed immediately. The **Bosworth House** was rented, then sold in 1979 and moved to 140 Fearing Street.

1964 - Creation of the Kendrick Trust & Clarification of its Purposes

In January 1964, the First National Bank trust officers for George and Jenny Kendrick's wills petitioned the Hampshire District Probate Court to allow the creation of a single joint charitable trust. Combining the two willed trusts into one would simplify execution of the trust, and charitable status would protect the trust properties (and thereby its funds) from taxation. Only one of the original trustees who had known George Kendrick remained. In the trust officers' petition to the probate court, a description of George Kendrick's (and possibly Jenny's) instruction for the trust appears in writing for the first time:

That the trustees in each estate use the trust funds in each estate from time to time to buy up and acquire certain real estate situated in the Town of Amherst and bounded by North Pleasant Street, Triangle Street and East Pleasant Street, and to tear down and remove the buildings standing thereon [emphasis added], and to convert the land so acquired into a landscaped park to be known as "Kendrick Park", for the use and benefit of the general public, and to maintain said park for the enhancement and beautification of that area of Amherst, and to erect thereon a suitable marker commemorating its benefactors.

In April 1964, the probate court granted the trustees' petition. The court decree defined the purposes of the new charitable Kendrick Trust and the obligations of its trustees as follows:

(a) of purchasing all parcels of real estate situated within a triangular area in Amherst, Mass., enclosed by North Pleasant Street, Triangle Street and East Pleasant Street, (b) of establishing and maintaining a public park on said real estate to be known as "KENDRICK PARK" for the use and benefit of the general public and for the enhancement of that area of Amherst, and (c) of creeting thereon a suitable marker commemorating its donor, George Smith Kendrick, and his sister Jenny Kendrick.

These purposes for the new Kendrick Trust differed from the will trustees' description of the Kendricks' purposes in an important way. These purposes included no instruction to either "tear down" or to "remove" any of the houses thereafter obtained by the Trust, effectively removing those purposes and obligations. It is reasonable to assume that this reflected the wishes of the trustees to have more flexibility in dealing with property and buildings the Trust acquired.

In the twenty-seven (27) years between the death of George Kendrick and the death of his sister Jenny, the First National Bank trustees for George Kendrick's will acquired four (4) of the "island" houses. But with one exception (the Henry House), the trustees held onto the properties and did not dispose of them until Jenny passed away.

After Jenny's death in 1957, the trustees of the two wills continued to acquire properties and dispose of houses on the "island." In two cases (the Bosworth and Chapin-Smith houses), buildings were sold and moved instead of being torn down, violating the strict letter of the Kendricks' intentions as described by the

trustees' petition in 1964. Some of the houses on the "island" were attractive, historic buildings in good condition. Selling them for a nominal amount so that they could be moved and reused made sense. Tearing them down would be wasteful. In 1964, the First National Bank trustees may have convinced the probate court to leave out the inflexible requirement to "tear down and remove" houses, in order to allow some of the houses to be saved, sold, and reused.

Whatever the case, the absence of this language in the 1964 decree legally voided any requirement by the Kendrick Trust or its successors to tear down or to remove houses from the "island," though they continued to remove the houses from the land, one way or another.

Disposition of "Island" Properties by the Kendrick Trust, 1964 to Present

1964	The Hyde House was purchased by the Trust and rented until 1972, when it was damaged by
	flooding from Tan Brook. It was demolished in 1972.

- The Chapin-Smith House was acquired by the Trust, then sold and moved to 183 East Pleasant Street.
- The **Ayres House** was purchased by the Trust in 1986-87 and demolished in 1990.
- The Kendrick Trust (by then managed by Fleet Bank, through a series of bank acquisitions) offered nine (9) trust properties and over \$350,000 in trust assets to the Town of Amherst, with the expectation that the Town would complete acquisition of the remaining two occupied properties and thereafter build the park. The 1992 Annual Town Meeting voted to dismiss an article that would have authorized the transfer, partly in response to opposition from a remaining longtime resident of one house.
- The Kendrick Trust acquired and demolished the old **Fearing House** (Baptist Church parsonage) building, after seeking and obtaining the advice of Town officials, including the Amherst Historical Commission. Unfortunately, the historic Federal house was too badly deteriorated to be moved or salvaged.
- The Kendrick Trust acquired the **Chapin-Ward House**, the last remaining house on the "island." With it was a small, sturdily-built barn/garage.
- The Kendrick Trust put the **Chapin-Ward House** out to bid. A local resident submitted a winning bid of \$50,000.
- Attempts by Fleet Bank to sell and move the **Chapin-Ward House** broke down over the bank's refusal to renegotiate a lower bid price when moving costs for the winning bidder unexpectedly increased.
- The Amherst Design Review Board (DRB) offered to conduct a public participation process to develop a program of future uses for the park, followed by a public design competition process. The DRB suggested that the remaining house and barn/garage might be of use in a future park, and should remain until a decision could be made as part of the public process.
- In April, Fleet Bank is acquired by The Bank of America.

A petition article submitted for the 2004 Annual Town Meeting warrant would allow the Town to accept the Kendrick Trust properties as a gift. The original petition article does not authorize the Town to accept other Trust assets (remaining cash), if any, and the petitioner specifically seeks to prevent the Town from acquiring the **Chapin-Ward House**, to prevent it being used for inappropriate purposes in a future park. The petitioner asserts that "the wishes of George Smith Kendrick and Jennie Kendricks, creators of the Trust" must be interpreted to mean that the Trust (or, subsequently, the Town) must remove, if not tear down, the **Chapin-Ward House** and its barn/garage, though the petitioner also asserts that retention of the garage/barn would not violate those wishes.

In May, Town Meeting votes: "authorize the Select Board to accept, as a gift from the Kendrick Trustees, the land located between East Pleasant, North Pleasant and Triangle Streets, together with the financial (intangible) assets of the Trust, to create on that land a public park, to be known as Kendrick Park, 'for the use and benefit of the general public and of the enhancement and beautification of that area of Amherst,' consonant with the wishes of George Smith Kendrick and Jennie Kendrick, creators of the Trust and that the Town authorize the Select Board to sell or dispose of the structures located thereon upon such terms and conditions as the Select Board may deem reasonable and appropriate."

2007

The Town seeks bids to purchase and move the **Chapin-Ward House**. Local developer Barry Roberts is the successful bidder, and on November 27 he moves the house and its small barn/garage from Kendrick Park to Gray Street on the former Henry Hills mansion (Boys and Girls Club) property. The work of clearing the "island" for a future Kendrick Park is finally complete.

Summary for Article 37, 2003 Annual Town Meeting

The historical record indicates the following:

- In his will, George S. Kendrick made the purposes of his trust "subject absolutely to the direction of the Committee [of trustees] hereinafter constituted and described...."
- In 1957, Jenny Kendrick's will stated that the trust funds were "for such charitable purposes, within the Town of Amherst, as the trustees hereunder, for the time being, may select."
- Prior to 1964, all houses acquired by the trust were demolished and removed.
- In 1964, the trustees of the two Kendrick wills petitioned probate court to create a new, single Kendrick Trust as a charitable entity. In doing so, they for the first time publicly described the purposes of the two trusts, one element of was to "tear down and remove" houses on properties acquired. Presumably this instruction by George Kendrick was intended to clear the land of the eleven (11) houses and several outbuildings in place when he knew the area, in anticipation of creating a more open park. The probate court granted the trustees' 1964 petition, but in doing so the court set out purposes for the new Kendrick Trust that conspicuously lacked any requirement to either tear down or to remove any house on a property acquired by the trust. This could be interpreted as reflecting a desire on the part of the Kendricks' trustees to have more flexibility in dealing with properties it acquired.
- Twice (in 1979 and 1980) since the 1964 probate court created a unified Kendrick Trust, the Trust acquired properties and then sold the houses and had them moved away, rather than having them demolished. Both houses were moved near downtown Amherst and reused as residences.
- The two houses that were previously sold, moved, and reused share interesting architectural, construction, and historical characteristics with the Chapin-Ward House that remains. The Bosworth House (moved 1979) was built and lived in by George and Edwin Bosworth, a father-son team of local building contractors. The Chapin-Smith House (moved 1980) was the first house designed by prominent local architect Roswell Field Putnam and built by the Bosworths for William T. Chapin, a Vice-President of the Amherst Savings Bank at the time George Kendrick was its President. The remaining Chapin-Ward House was the second house in the area designed by Roswell Field Putnam and constructed by the Bosworths for William T. Chapin.

The historical evidence does not support a specific interpretation of the Kendricks' "wishes" or design intentions for a final landscaped park, or how such intentions should apply to the remaining **Chapin-Ward House**. All that can be stated for certain is that George Kendrick wanted his will's trustees to acquire land and begin removing houses in order to make way for a park; understanding that a 3+ acre town center park should not be covered with residential houses and outbuildings. Because the Kendricks' park design intentions—if any—are unknown, there is also no way to assess whether those intentions would produce a useful 21st century public park in Amherst. George Kendrick was born 159 years ago. His trust has been pursuing completion of this park for 74 years.

During George and Jenny Kendrick's lifetimes, many local landscaped parks featured buildings serving active park purposes; others consisted solely of greenspace and ornamental gardens. George and Jenny Kendrick clearly turned the completion of their park "wishes" over to trustees. In 1964, those trustees involved the probate court, which—doubtless in consultation with those trustees—created the purposes of the current Kendrick Trust. In the end, the best ways for Amherst to honor the Kendricks' wishes may be to ensure that a successful Kendrick Park is created, to remember its history, and to be grateful.



Kendrick Park

~ A Graphic History of the Site ~

Amherst Planning Department October 2003

A Graphic History of Kendrick Park

Sometime in the near future, a private trust established in 1930 by George and Jenny Kendrick will transfer about 3 acres of land in the north end of downtown Amherst, Massachusetts to the Town of Amherst for development as a public park. What follows is a series of historical maps tracing about 270 years of change on that site.

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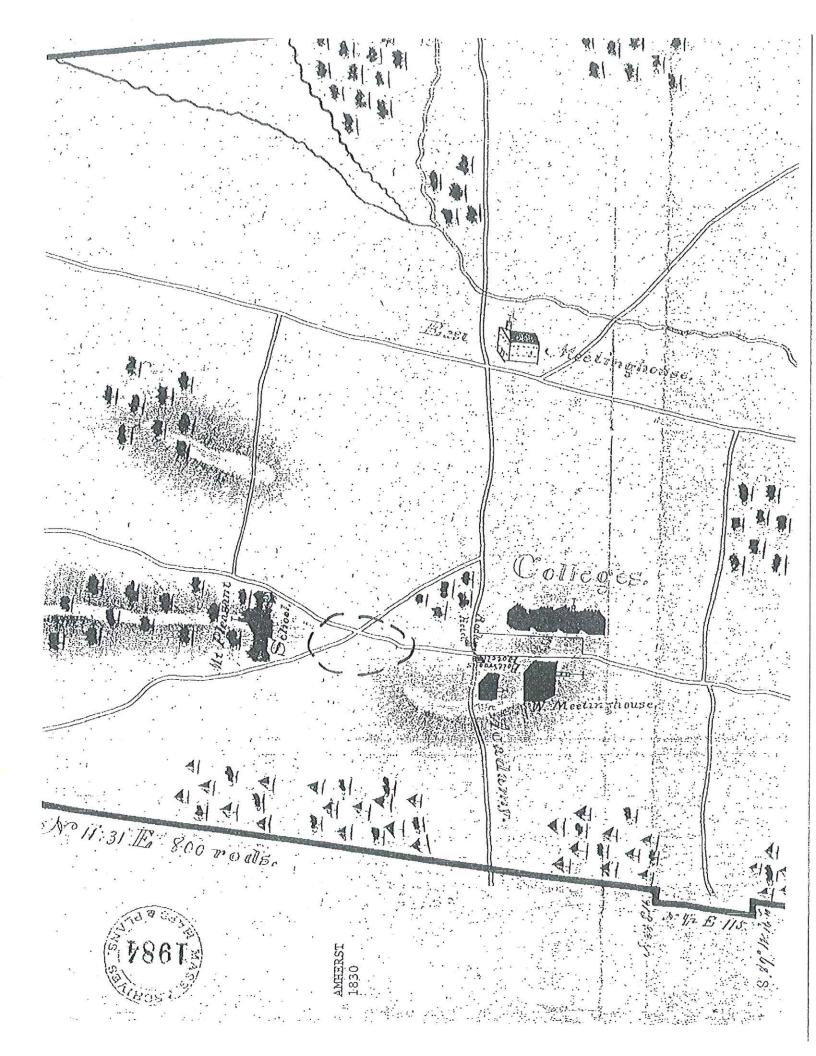
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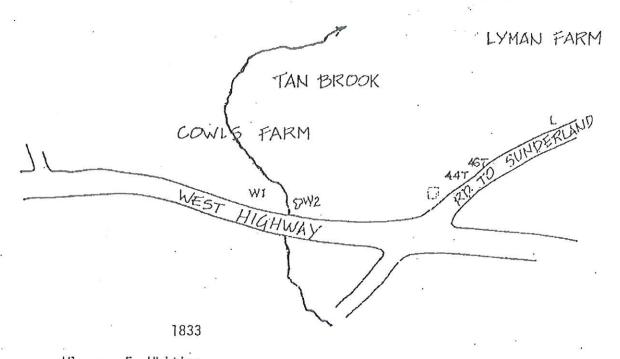
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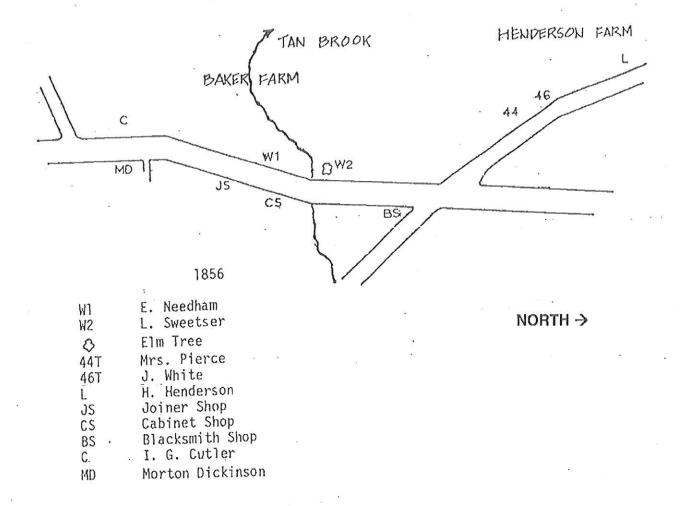


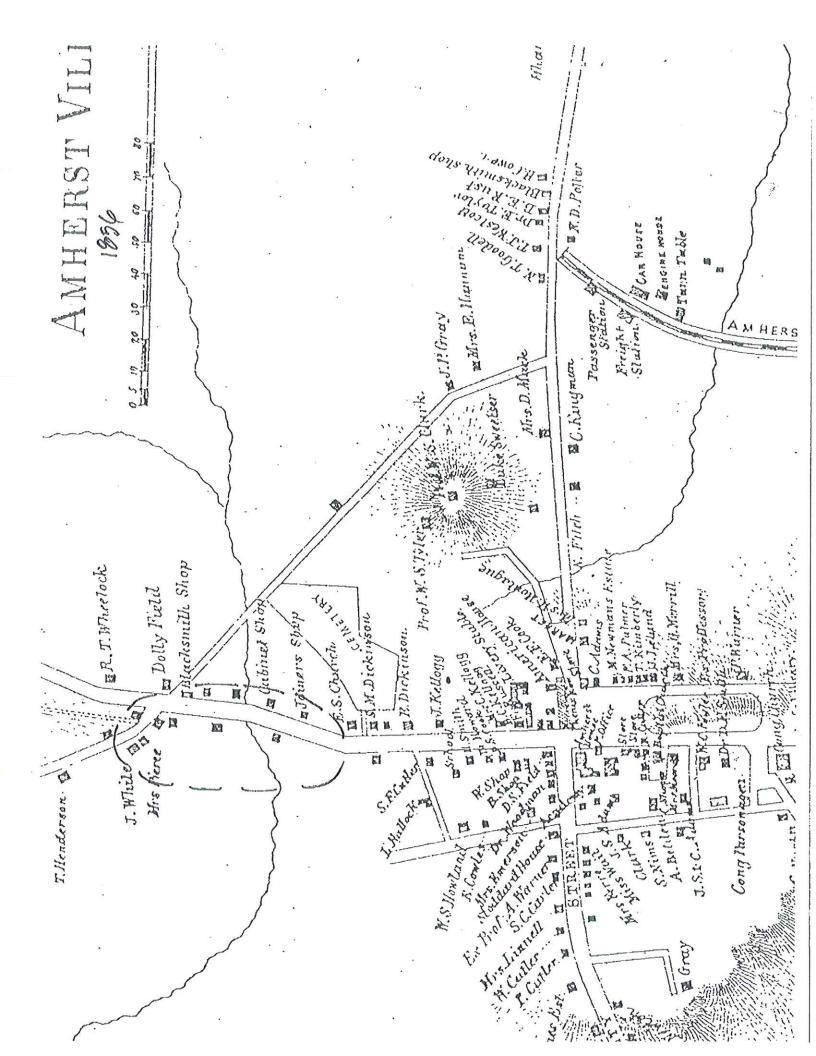


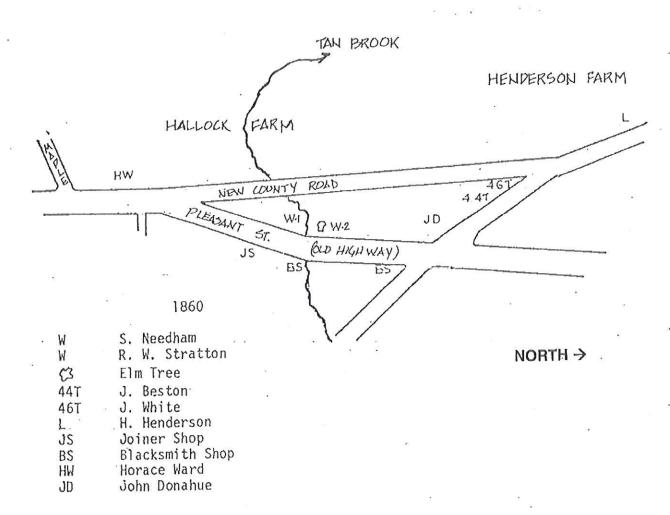
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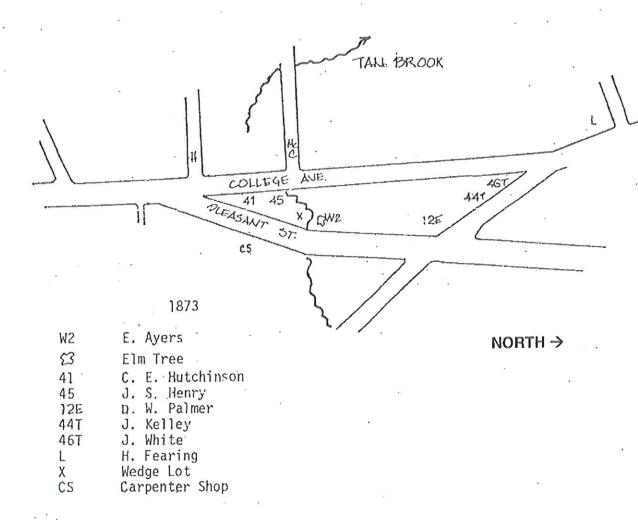
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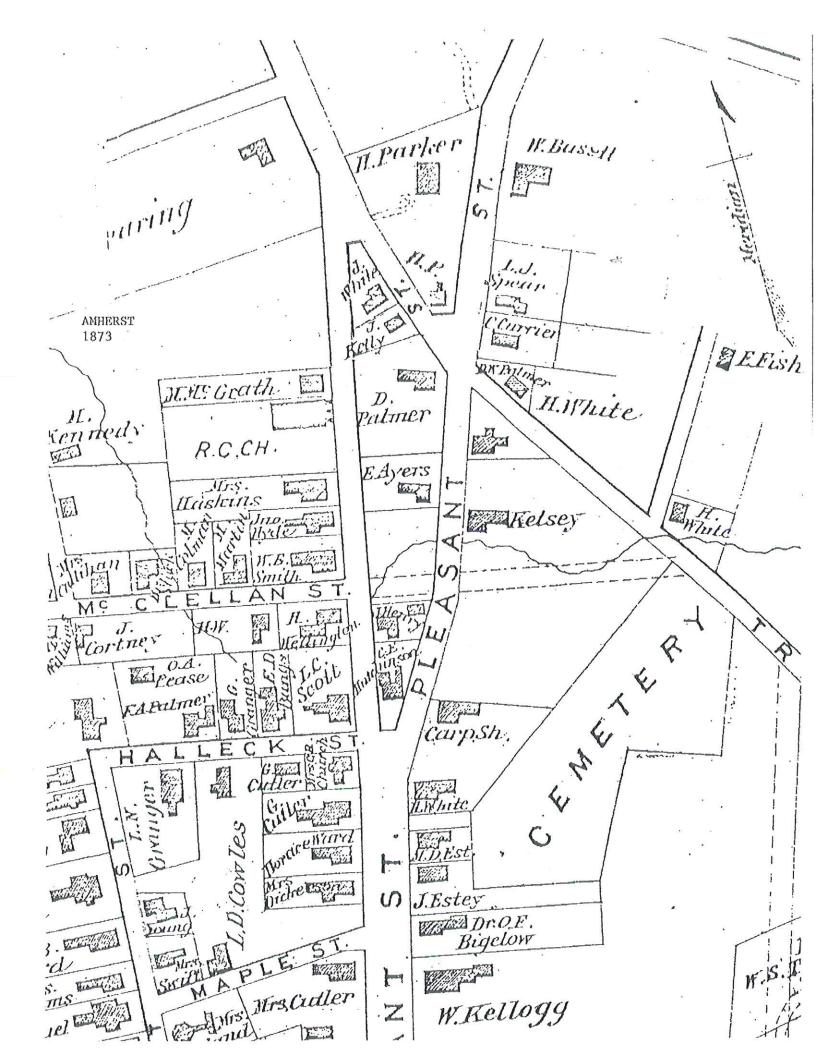


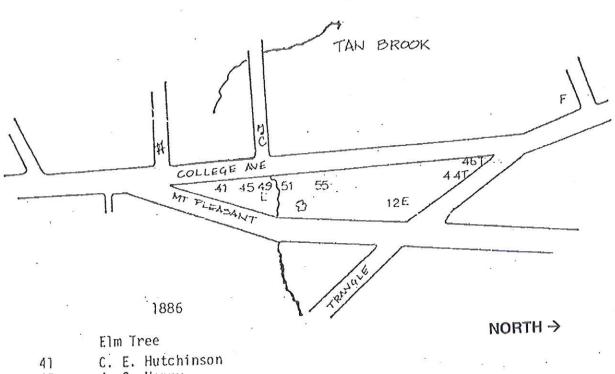




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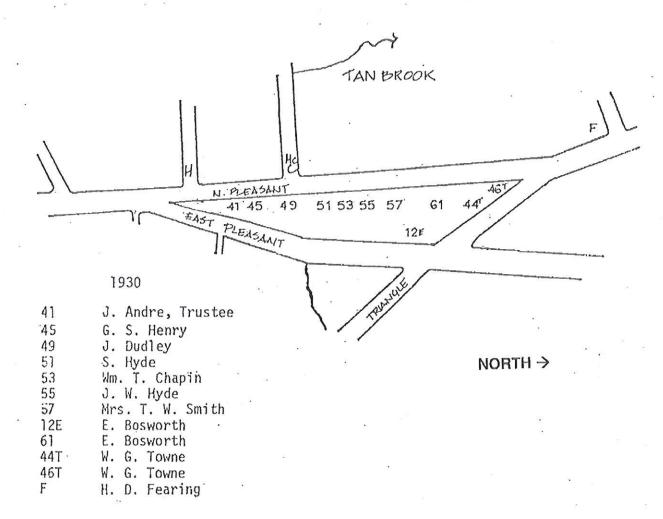
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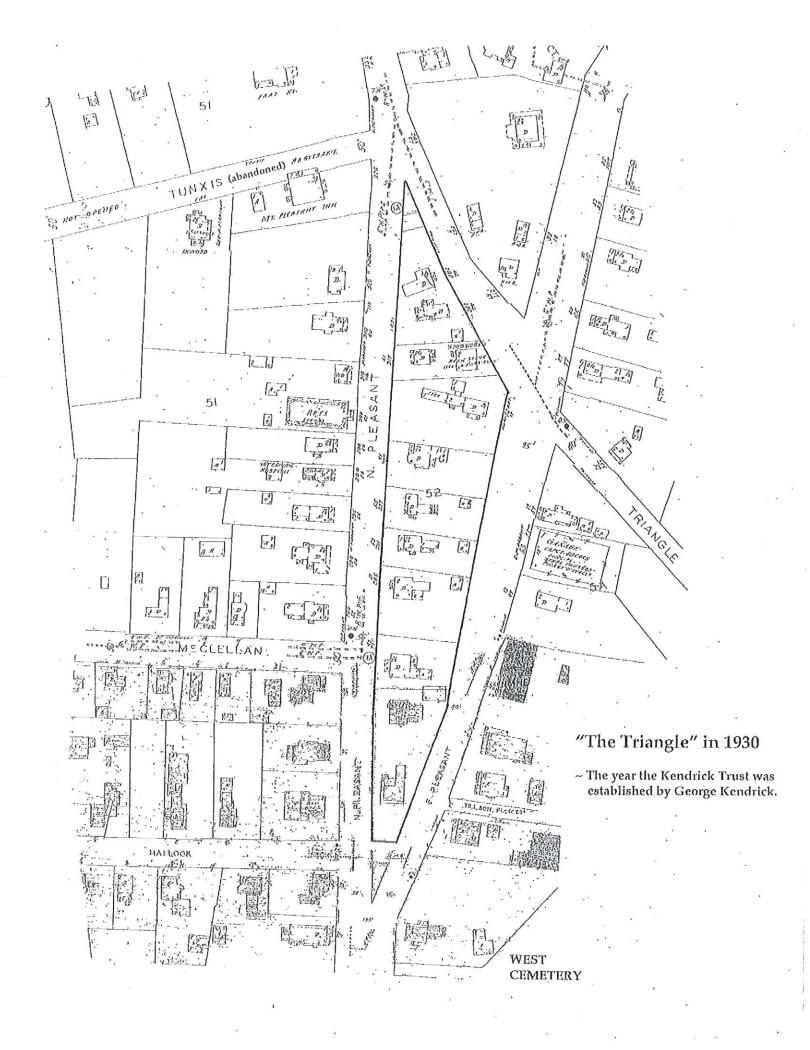
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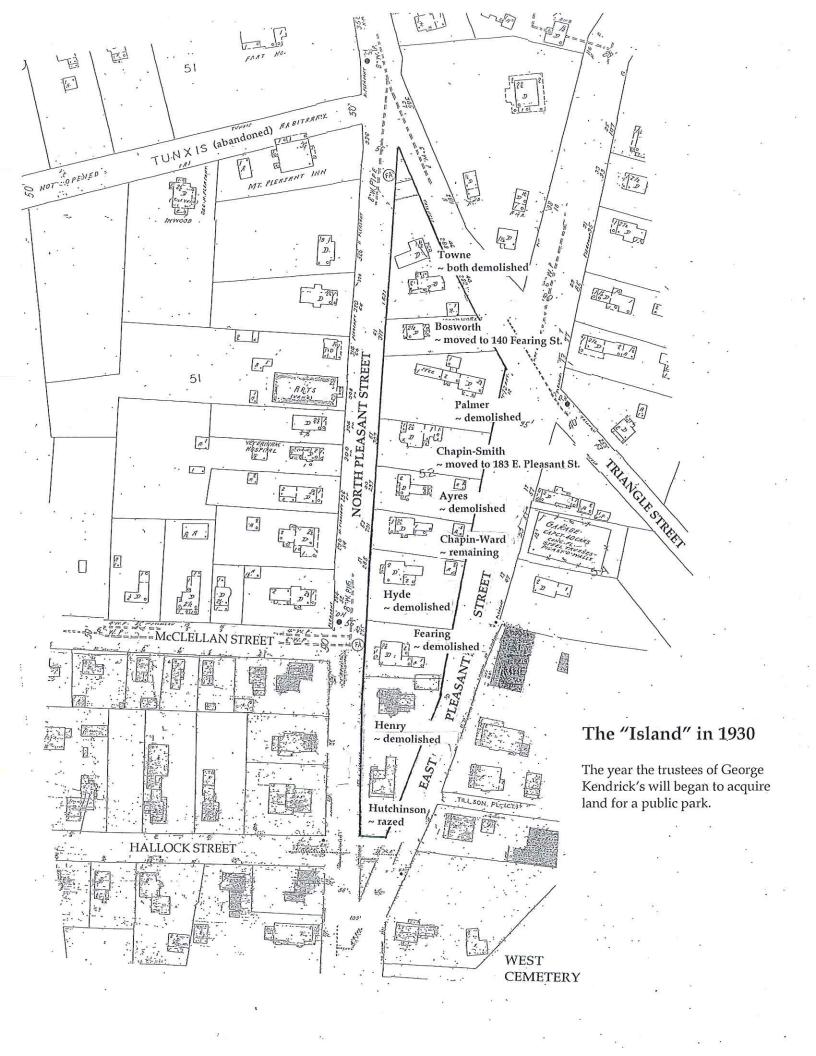






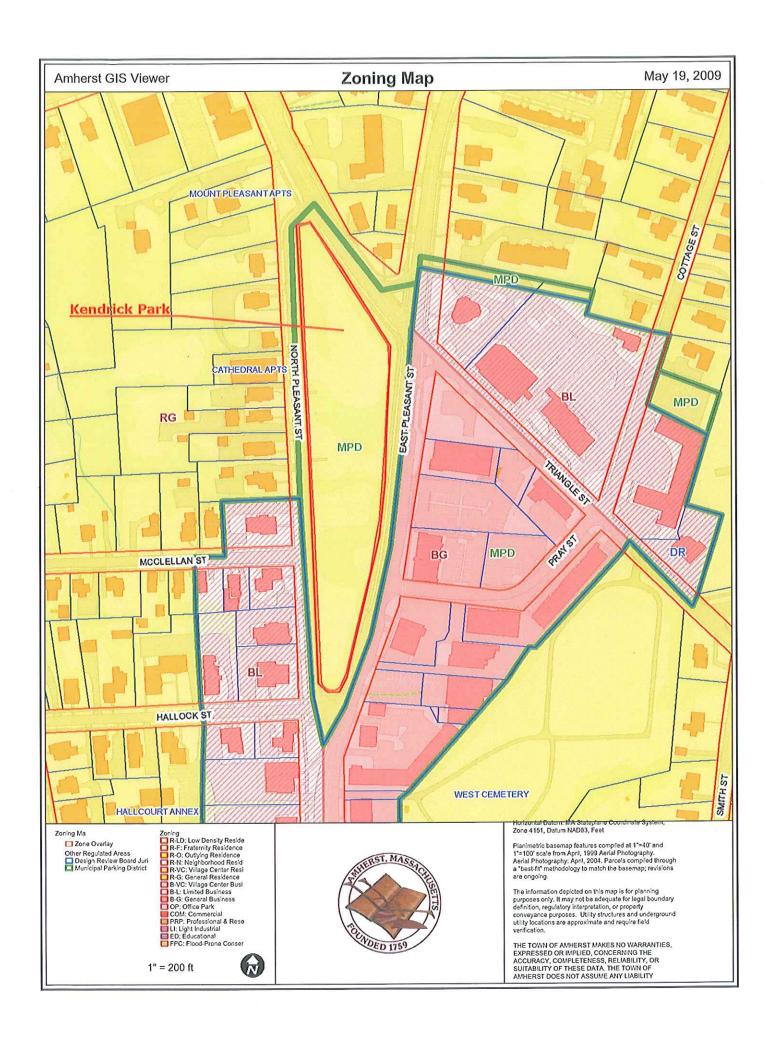
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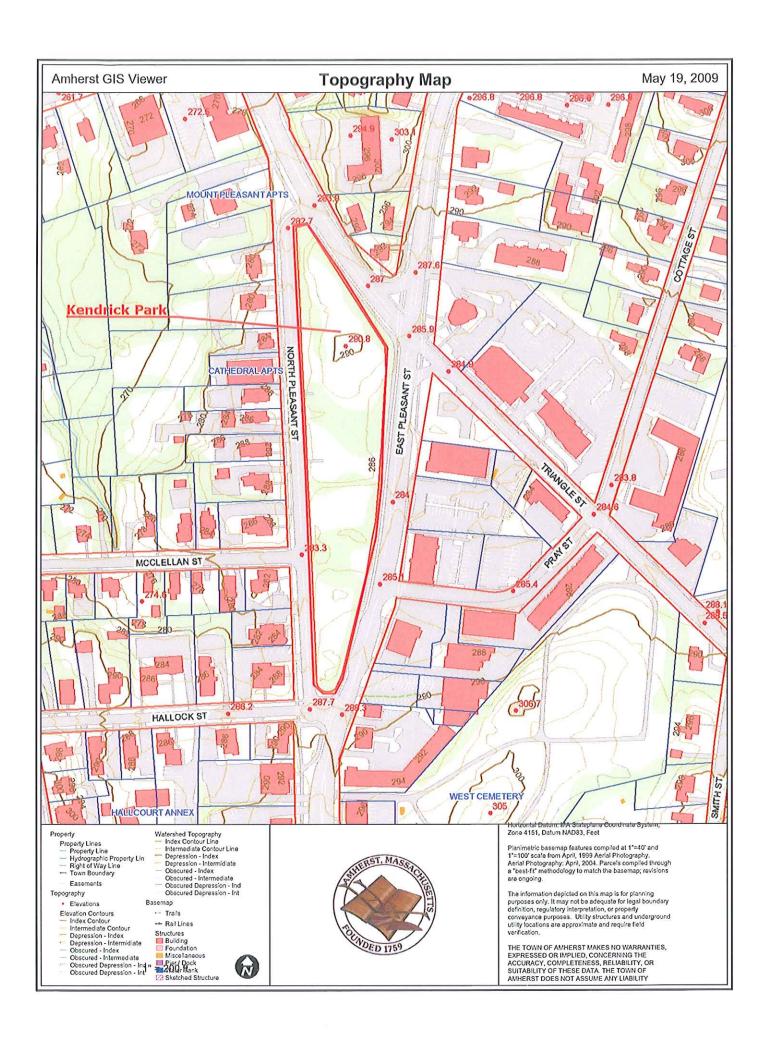
- In 1925, when the Kendrick Trust was first conceived, the houses on the "island" between East Pleasant, North Pleasant and Triangle Streets were as listed below, proceeding from the southern end to the northern tip. Addresses given (#) are as of 1925. Plain addresses are North Pleasant Street addresses (houses facing west). An "E" following a number indicates an East Pleasant Street address (facing cast), and a "T" following a number indicates a Triangle Street address (facing northeast):
- #41 ~ <u>Hutchinson House</u> (c. 1872-73). The southernmost "point house." Built in 1872-73 by harness and trunk store owner and fireman Charles E. Hutchinson. In 1925, it was a three unit tenement owned by H.B. Ketchum. *Razed 1957*.
- #45 ~ Henry House (c. 1872). Occupied in 1925 by Mary Henry (widow of George L. Henry) and her daughters, who worked for New England Telephone & Telegraph. *Demolished November 1951*.
- #49 ~ Fearing House (c. 1820?). A wooden Federal originally built prior to 1830 at what is now the corner of Fearing and North Pleasant Streets. In 1880, H.D. Fearing donated the building to the Baptist Church, which moved the house to this site to serve as a parsonage. Fearing was a local industrialist and member of the Amherst Ornamental Tree Association. He built a new house on his original house lot (corner of North Pleasant and Fearing), designed by famous architect Stanford White with landscape advice from Frederick Law Olmsted. In 1925, the former parsonage was occupied by Mary Dudley (widow of Amherst Box Co. employee James Dudley) and her daughters. *Demolished 1995*.
- #51 ~ Hyde House (c. 1875). In 1925, Samuel Hyde, an optician/jeweler, was living there. Demolished 1972 following flood damage.
- #53 ~ Chapin-Ward House (c. 1903). Last surviving residential building on the Kendrick Trust property. Named for the Chapin family for whom it was first built and the Ward family that last lived in it. This is one of two houses on the "island" designed by Leverett architect Roswell Field Putnam, who designed the North Amherst Library and numerous residences in the Valley. Both houses were built by George E. Bosworth, a contractor who also lived on the "island." In 1925, the Chapin-Ward House was the home of William Chapin, Vice-President of the Amherst Savings Bank (where George Kendrick was President at the time). Living four houses north of the disreputable "point house," Chapin may well have discussed it and the future park with George Kendrick. After Chapin's death in 1940, the house was purchased by Charles W. Ward, assistant cashier for the First National Bank of Amherst. His family owned the house until March 2000. A barn/garage of the same period also survives.
- #55 ~ Elijah Ayres House (c. 1875). In 1925, it was occupied by J.W. Hyde, a printer for the Amherst Record. Demolished 1990.
- #57 ~ Chapin-Smith House (c. 1893). The other house on the "island" designed for the Chapin family by architect Roswell Field Putnam. In 1925, it was occupied by Thomas W. Smith, Amherst's Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector. *Moved to 183 East Pleasant Street in 1980.*
- #12E ~ Dwight Palmer House (c. 1863). Palmer had been a trustee of the Amherst Savings Bank, helped bring public utilities (gas, water, electricity) to Amherst, was a Selectman, and was owner of the Palmer Block, whose destruction by fire during the blizzard of 1888 cleared a downtown lot for Amherst Town Hall. The Dwight Palmer House had later been the home of George E. Bosworth, who operated a carpentry/woodworking business out of an adjacent barn near the East Pleasant/Triangle Street intersection. In 1925, it was home to his son Edwin Bosworth, who was continuing the family business. George and Edwin Bosworth built many houses on Lincoln Avenue, as well as George and Matilda Kendrick's house on Seeleye Street, and the nearby Davenport Inn. Razed 1962.
- #61 ~ Bosworth House (c. 1913). The last house built on the "island," constructed and occupied by contractor Edwin Bosworth. Moved to 140 Fearing Street in 1979.
- #44T & #46T ~ The two <u>Towne Houses</u> (c. 1770? & 1800?). Located on the northern tip of the "island," both houses were built prior to 1833. One may have been the surviving colonial (cape?) home of Moses Bascomb, which appears on a 1770 map of Amherst. In 1833, the houses were occupied by a P. Holme and an S. Smith. In 1925, the family of Willis G. Towne, agent for the Amherst Co-operative Association and member of the finance committee of the Amherst Club (with George Kendrick), lived in both houses. *Razed 1962*.

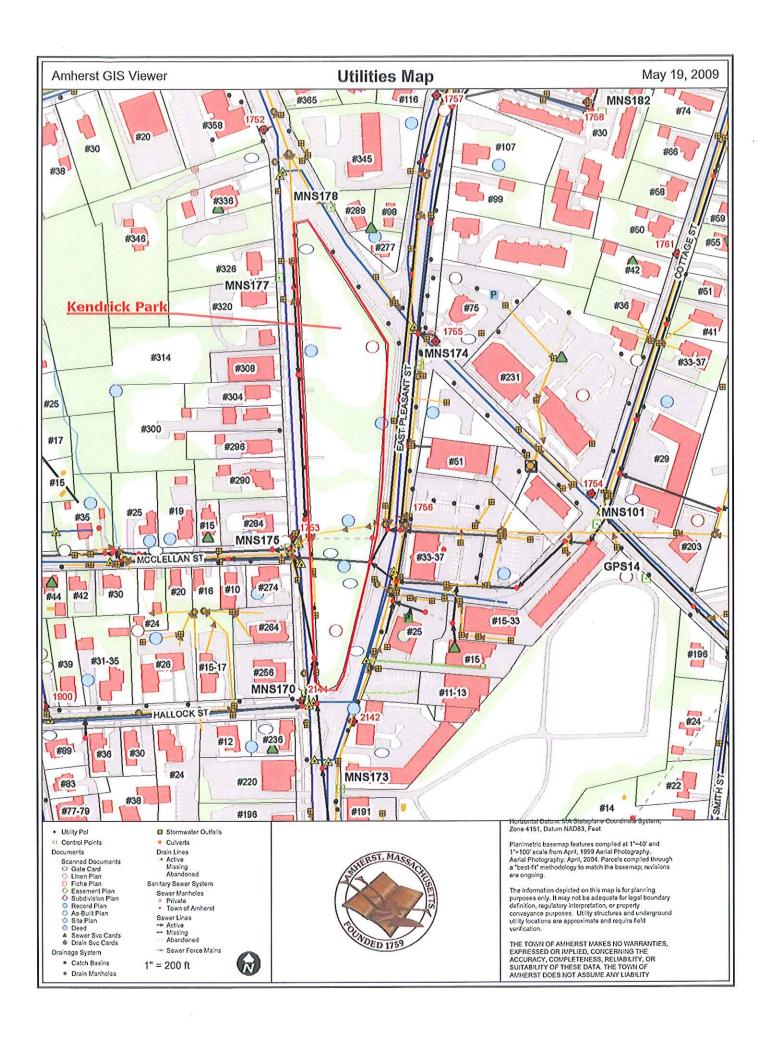


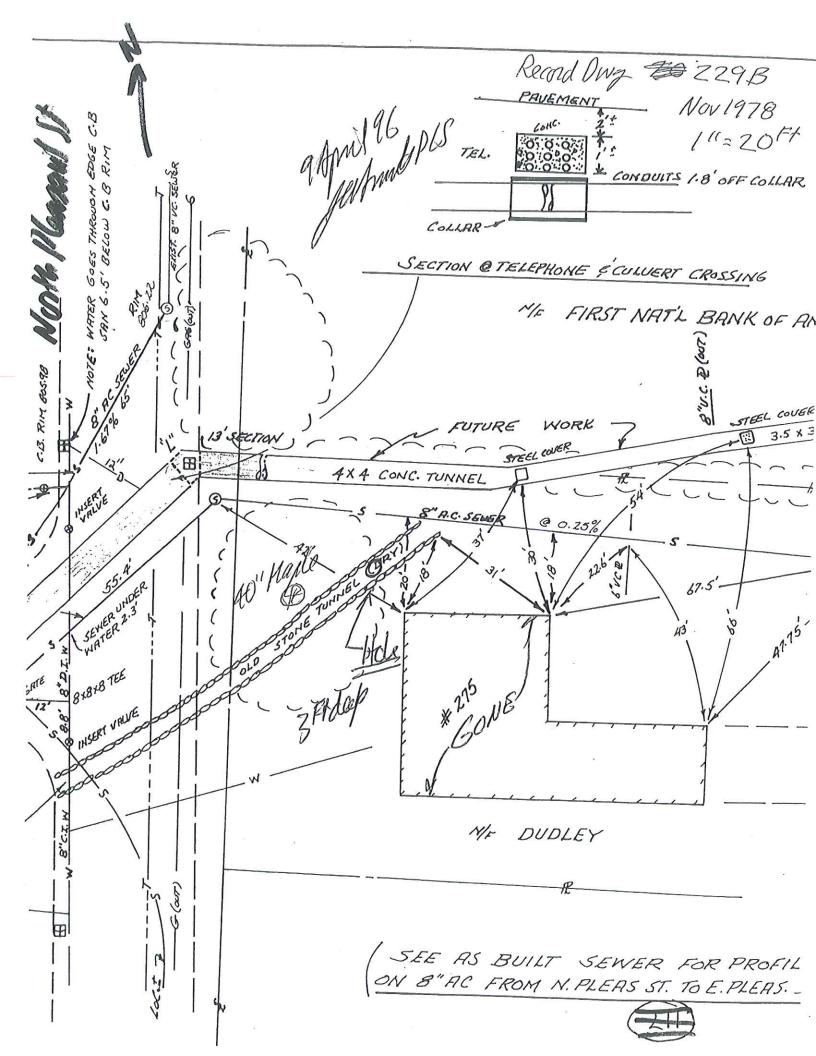
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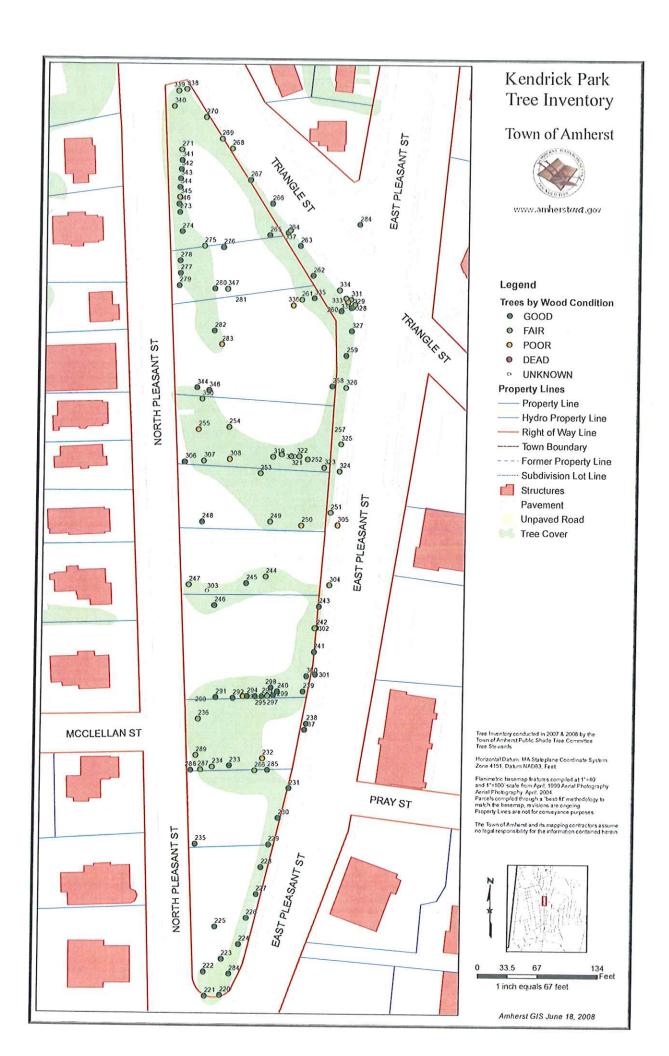




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APPENDIX 7



Kendrick Park Tree Care Recommendations



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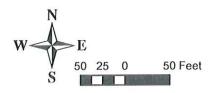
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- **Needs Maintenance**
- Kendrick Park Trees



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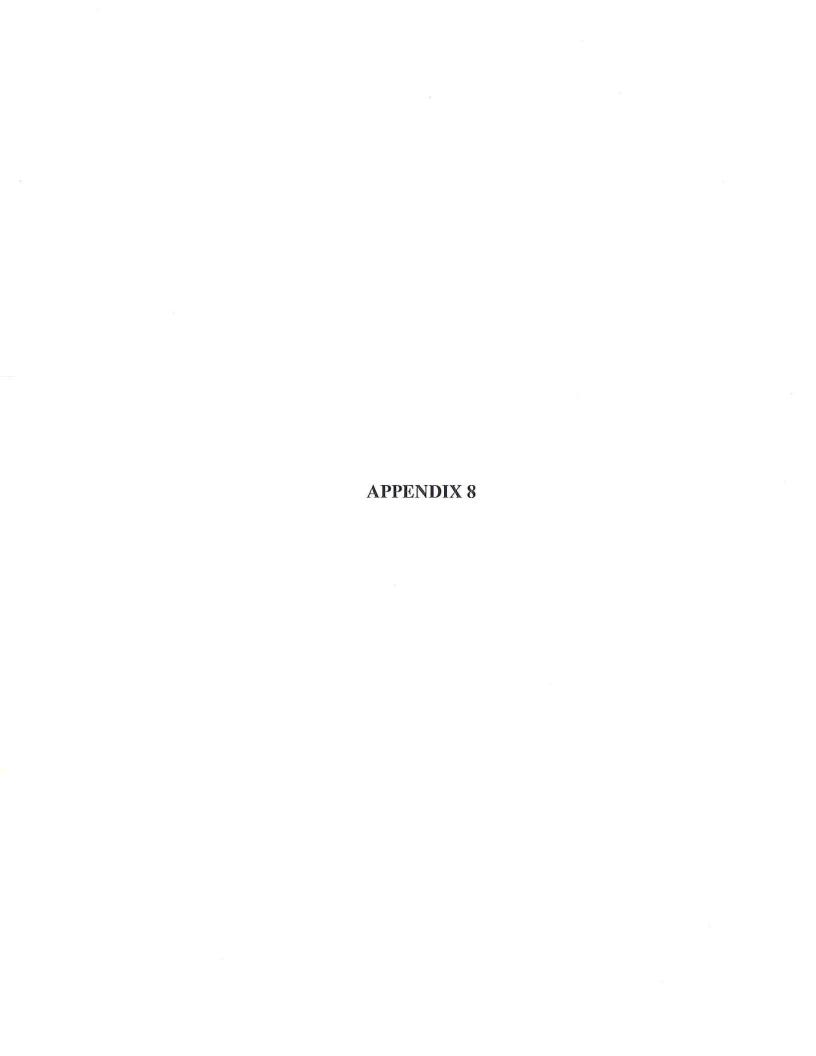
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Kendnck Park Trees

Amherst Tree Inventory



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Activities					Skating Rink	540			Enclosed Dog	3									an eco-friendly play structure in the north end			Music and arts for the community	
PublicUses	Picnic Tables			No outdoor/Indoor market	Let Boy Scouts use to sell Trees																	Community gathering spot	
Landscaping	More Trees_Birch, Oak for squirrels		Water Feature, Expose Foundation of house	Activities and peacefulness	Leave as a Park				Open Space						Remain Open Space		Leave As Is		Perennial garden to rival Bridge of Flowers in the south end		Do Not add	vegetation, prune and open up visibility	
RecreationalUses	Small basketball court	International Park	Gazebo	Carousel! Something really different and a destination					A Playground						Places to sit and to play		Passive Doggotion	Recreation	Skating pond in the middle				Skating rink
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Comments	See Attachment E	See Attachment G	See Attachment H					Refer to Attachment:K	Refer to Attachment: L	Refer to Attachment: M
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OtherThings								Gently increase parking around the Park: diagonal or compact only would be good		P.
OverallLookFeel				"If it ain't broke, don't Fix it"				As little as possible;nothing trendy or garish		
Historical						A plaque about Kendrick as well				
Aesthetic		Some park benches				We love open feel of the space	Leave as green as possible;let's enjoy the trees and span of grass		For safety would need to fence in a playground; this would limit the scenic and pastoral components	
Activities		a				Nothing with too much foot traffic			Not good for playground/skatepa or activities that encourage car parking as traffic is formidable	outdoor cafe or eating place-indoor area for cold weather
PublicUses		Extend various Fairs to this park	Allow Boy Scouts to sell Xmas trees, make december a very festive time in heart of Amherst	Let the public frolic spontaneously and keep programming strucure to a minimum		Local community organizations like Boyscouts or Earth	Day a few benches and a picnic table or two; and of course a few containers to throw away the	garbage Natural seeming way to accomodate a small gathering ,to hear a poet or musician	Walking, some restrooms	encourage more use but keep green; Indoor Farmer's market good but not best place to put it; enourage long term, year round biz; not new vendors in park
Landscaping		Plant more trees, smaller decorative ones		Pull out asphalt, repair sunken sidewalk, put in some benches and leave the park alone		Open/Natural, restore the Brook!		unobtrusive and natural elements; stone benches; unpretentious labynth or garden	lovely shaded green space	Keep lovely, shady oasis of trees and grass
RecreationalUses We need a place	for Teens to recreate	Keep the Ice skating rink	Town Ice Rink, holiday theme vendors, hot drinks	Keep pristine, beautiful and an oasis of serenity in the middle of hustle and bustle		Informal Frisbee or Ball Toss	Only thing missing is places to sittesp. for older folks	encourage people to relax and talk; low impact skating rink	A welcome resting place for seniors; Walking	
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Special Control	Refer to Attachment : N	Refer to Attachment: O	Refer to Attachment: P		See Attachment F	Everyone wants open space in Amherst and this is a prime example of wonderful open space	VALUE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE P	Parking and Traffic Provisions:See Attachment J	
orie Trocky.				Parking nose-in,or angled, perpendicular to improve parking					
le de la constante de la const		Leave it open and Park like		The park must be a compelling and attractive link of UMass and downtown. It's the Gateway				A Place for people to walk, sit, relax and congregate	
Historica									
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Activities	Refer to the "Adventure playground" in Berkeley, CA							Give Ms & HS kids something to do in the park, chess etc. Not sure if we can accomodate a skate park. Is there a Good Climbing tree to plant?	
PublicUses	The RIGHT playground would make KP a destination for people; bring in shoppers and esters	An Oasis; Perhaps a bandshell for concerts;		Move Farmers market to Park; allow street vendors to sell			Areas to rent for family reunions	Flowers, trees. Scouts to sell water features. Scouts to sell trees, possible benches, picnic more farmers for strollers&Wheelchai local food, community garden	
Landscaping		Do Beautiful Landscaping	Plantings to separate from traffic,	Limb up trees for clear view across park and encourage commerce around	Save the Smoke Bush		Benches, Fountain		
RecreationalUses	KP should have a playground so downtown is more welcoming of families w/young children		South end: Lying in sun, hanging out; north end picnic tables plantings	Carousel and/or Gazebo to encourage destinaiton community gatherings and visits		Possible skating rink in winter	Band Box Mini Golf course to	raise \$5 for Town Winter Ice skating rink, places to sit and watch	
Source	email	email	втаї	Letter	Letter	наii	nail	maii neighborhood	

Comments		Proposal for Kendrick Park playground: Refer to Attachment: Q	Proposal for Kendrick Park playground: Refer					Keep the Park separate form the road or fence or	plantings Traffic Noise would be helped by Shrubs	Close off North Pleasant to create a real Haven for Park Goers
OtherThings	Hold off on Strucutres and Gardens (i.e., perrennials, mazes etc) until use and plan established but implement overall park design and layout for use (i.e. benches paths pruning trees etc)	P Ken Plan to	P X P selon	Friday movies, picnic tables mini fairs bake sales	Skate park			Ke Sep Toa	pla er e	O <u>c</u> a <u>c</u>
OverallLookFeel	Beautiful, multi-use Very green oasis but well used, elder, stroller and disadled access	Want a healthy neighborhood and a downtown people want to live in			NUT	P. H.	Empty space, more flexible			Use stone, Bricks and berms for natural forms for multi-uses and attractive, European style
Historical	Brief history of park and houses that stood there			Barak Obama statue Emily Dickinson statue		Rosa Parks, Barak Obamaor Robert Frost Statue	Ø	٠		
Aesthetic	North End: Passive, South End more Active. Mark all Tree Species.				Robert Frost statue, Barak Obama statue		Like a European Park, special areas or features	Nignt Lighting A War Memorial	Use Natural Forms, stone benches, Berms etc.	A small terraced area to use for performances and sitting cafe Style that could transform readily
Activities	Passive and active; An area that is fenced off that appeals to young children but also aesthetically appealing to all ages; i.e., berms or formations for climbing on et al also swings hanging from trees for all ages to swing.			lce skating, concerts, playing	Concerts, swimming	lce skating basketball playground	A Dog Run	for Thai Chi	A jogging Loop	,
PublicUses	such as music, poetry readings, perhaps a gazebo or amphitheatre built into the ground. Ok for Boyscouts or others to do seasonal activities-permit based. Need 2nd Farmers Meed 2nd Farmers but not in Park but not in Park	An Oasis to attract families to the core.A playground can establish a residential	A playground is an amenity that will attract families to downtown	Ice skating, concerts, playing	Movies, farmers market	Movies	picnics on lawn	barnrooms A visitor Center for Town	Grassy Amphitheatre, performance space	Like the Squares in Paris, very much a gathering spot
	Natural stone benches and walkways, use exposed foundation to make area for sitting or intimate music, plays Enhance landscape that already exists, add some plantings for noise control especially evergreens for winter color			flowers, water fountain, fountain	Fountain, garden, benches	Fountain, gardens, picnic tables, benches	More Apple Trees	Paths and some benches	A Path that crosses and surrounds the Park	Natural setting, open and Green
RecreationalUses	Skating rink in winter, walkways, benches, intimate terraced area for music, readings, mimes, use for frisbee, walking, eating, relaxing, pick up games	We need a toddler park Design a simple playground for the park	Design a simple playground fit for the park		Skatepark, Ice rink, playground, Pool		Fenced in area for smaller children	Neep skaung kink Skating Rink should remain	Skating in Winter, Water Park in Summer	We Loved skating Rink
Source	Neighborhood	Neighborhood Neighborhood	Neighborhood	Neighborhood child	Neighborhood Child	Neighborhood child	Neighbors	Neighbors	Neighbors	Neighbors

Comments	We need a place for parents of young children to meet other parents A Place is needed	for teenagers to have something to do, Somewhere to	0														
OtherThings																	Close or make one way North pleasant Street to enhance park like, quiet feel
OverallLookFeel																	Beautiful
Historical																	
Aesthetic														Open space is precious			use natural materials, expose foundations
Activities																	passive and pick up games
PublicUses Create a blended in,delineated naturalistic space for performance like Porter Phelps House																	small gatherings, art walk events, boy scouts, a space for music or performances to be held
Landscaping Dont Change Trees	Shrubs and Flowers	A few benches, a path and a few picnic tables	Berms	A small grouping of fruit Trees			zow maintenance and simple	Keep as natural as possible	Not alot of structures		Some paths, some	Make the Park the focus	Use Earthforms for areas to climb and play	Open with no cement		I'd like benches, some picnic tables but keeping it mostly the way it is	So beautiful that people want to come
RecreationalUses Paths for Cross Country Skiing					Some kind of safe area for toddlers to	play We need to attract	place for teens to	A skateboard park or basketball court	A place to throw a frisbee or kick a soccer ball	Climbing stones like at Cushman green	'n		No skateboard Park	Skating Rink was wonderful A place parents	can come with their children		Skating rink and pick up games, walking and relaxing, enjoying nature
Source Neighbors	Neighbors	Neighbors	Neighbors	Neighbors	Neighbors		Neighbors	Neighbors	Neighbors	Neighbors	Neighbors	Neighbors	Neighbors	Neighbors	Neighbors	Neighbors	Neighbors

Соштепіз	Ē	The park is next to a residential neighborhood					Do we have money for maintenance?	Be sure to leave empty space though for tossing	Christmas Tree Sale OK	Don't cut down the Apple Tree			No dividing the space to play here, sell there, eat another place		I'd like to see a Gazebo W/room for 8-10 musicians for Summer evenings this	
OtherThings				Band Stand	Keep Boy Scouts Tree sale		no signage					No plastic Playground		Don't Make Changes Too Quickly		You should include Sculpures and pieces of Art
OverallLookFeel		Green Park, Open Space	benches, places to sit	Relaxing	Spot of beauty & Rest	natural		Safe & Fun	Walking paths, benches, like Boston Common	possible daylight Tan Brook	uncluttered	beautiful	Peaceful, Green	Natural	Safe and Fun to Hang out	Trees, floral path, beauty in nature
Historical				ń	Sculpture			t,		±		plants or fences	garden	Keep Natural	A lovely 19th Century Gazebo	
Aesthetic Daylight stream if possible		Green Park, no buildings or Perm structures	climbable sculptures	fountain, art shows, r musical and dramatic performance	fountain	small brook	fountain, not wimpy like across police station	Plantings:park should be well kept and attractive	Curved Paths	similar to the way it looks now	Open space	Benches, No Picnic Tables	Open Space	Natural		Stone walls & Flowers
	Something for kids to do			not appropriate for playground		check		Quiet daytime activities	Ice skating outdoors, great idea	Bocce- Croquet Area	public readings, historical plays	Limit to recreational, no LSSE activities	Open play, sitting and reading	Ice Skating	N	Political Rallies, after School spot to hang out
PublicUses The Boy Scout use is nice A Warm		Artwalk-Kids coming to the Park	dog run		benches or low walls for sitting on		For short periods; free, for longer a small fee		No structures, No foods sold	Lots of Benches	benches for sitting		No tag sales, No Fairs	With Approval	Playground (Fenced in for safety)	Parades, Rallies
AA.	Benches, places to sit, bike racks	ومتعون موناصد	warking, jogging paths,flower garden	paths, flowers	Keep Trees	check	A few more shrubs only	Park with benches & pleasant comfortable area	Perennial gardens for summer,small annual beds	Flowers	Native plantings for wildlife	small border gardens, hostas under trees	beches, Paths	No need for More	Paths to middle with a Gazebo in Middle	community garden Parades, Rallies
RecreationalUses An Active area and a more quiet area The emptier the space the more flexible It can be A playground but	should have a fence for safety of small children	Keep the park open	ice skating	Places to sit and relax, enjoy with paths flowers	lawn	check	Skateboard Park	winter Skating, Frisbee, picnicing	Low key	Playground, Basketball, Checkers	A Fountain and Benches	sports, no playgrounds,	Children Play	None	Music Concerts	play structure, loe Skating rink,
Source Neighbors Neighbors	school	Survey	survey	survey	survey	survey	survey	survey	survey	survey	survey	survey	survey	Survey	Survey	Teen

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OtherThings							A nookan Lounge		More benches		Rename "Da Park"		Basketball courts			Concerts, basketball					Ultimate Frisbee	
OverallLookFeel	Natural. Still but with some modern things	Beautiful natural	Beauty	Beautiful, cozy, Welcoming	Happy Fantasy Land with Fairy	Peace & Love &	Happiness Community	people can Chill or continuation of Town to make it bigger	Нотеу		Free Pizza, Basketball court	Inviting, Welcome, Beautiful	Clean, Safe, New		Holiday decorations	Beautiful	Its Good	Nice relaxed atmosphere and very open to the public for use as a	Sports field Don't cut down trees	Clean	Inclusive	Fun and Pretty
Historical	Uma Thurman Statue		Ethiopian	z,							Nothing with Jeffrey Amherst	Memorial			statue						ī	
Aesthetic	flowers and Sculpures	Monuments			Statue of Someone Cool	, tooming M			skating Rink	Skate Park	Concerts	Memorial		Alot of trees, very green	Statue	Maybe a nice memorial	statue	Monuments that represent the town of Amherst	Nice looking	Monuments	Emily Dickinson/Robert Frost	Statues
Activities	Morning Yoga Classes	playground with Fun stuff	slamball	Ice skating in Winter	Merry Go Round	S. Commission		summer BBQ's	Football	Skating, Music	concerts	Concerts	Basketball, skateboarding	Concerts, Dance parties	concerts		concerts	Biking or other activities	sports related stuff	Skating Rink, Tennis	Ultimate Varsity girls	No Frisbee or soccer
PublicUses		Ultimate Games	BBQ's BBQ's	Ice Skating	Fairs, Concerts	0,550) n j	skating rink in winter	block party	Skate Park, Music	Concerts	Basketball court	Clean bathrooms	Bathrooms, clean	Concerts	Playground for kids, clean bathrooms, concerts	concerts	A fair or picnic area	Open to the public	Music concerts	BBQ's and Benches	Sitting
Landscaping	benches, fountain	Nature Preserve	Japanese theme Botanical Garden	Big Ice Rink	Flower Maze	E SENERAL SERVICES		No trees, Fountains	gardens, trees	flowers	Mad Trees	Trees	Not too many trees Clean bathrooms	Bushes	Hill for sledding, benches	Fountain like other common	More Trees	A fountain, some nice wildflowers, a Pagoda	Good Looking Stuff	Trees	Willow trees, Japanes Cherry Trees	Flowers, Rocks, Grass
RecreationalUses	jungle gym and see saw	soccer, ultimate fields	Mangos Roller Coaster	Ice Skating Rink	Ice Skating Rink	rock climbing wall A Pool, A Hookah	Ponuĝe	stball	Just to walk		Skate Park, Basketball Court	Ice Kink, Rollerblade Rink, Basketball court	Basketball, Skateboard Park	Skateboarding	Concerts	Mini Golf course, skatepath, basketball court	skatepark	Pavement paths for easy biking	Thai Chi	Music	Fields, Ultimate Varsity girls	Field Hockey/Lacrosse, No Soccer
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OtherThings		Small dog park	Sports		Somewhere to	ומוק	sitting Areas		Have something to do during the	Wille			More	skateboarding							Don't spend too much money!	
Overall ookFeel	Fun and Pretty		Relaxing and	Friendly, Exciting	Tranquility	Oriental	Pretty	I Like Flowers and Gardens	Nice, colorful and pleasant feel to it	Many benches	k	Green and Open, FUN	Peace Love &	SSOUGDBL	Welcoming, Friendly	Tall Bushes	Open to All	Outdoorsy	Community Welcoming	Inviting Fun, Good place to hang out	Nature, Clean	Нарру
Historical																						
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Aesthetic	Statues		Statue of Obama	Emily Dickinson Statue	Pretty Flowers	Memorials	A Plaque commemorating Jeffrey Amherst	Emily Dickinson/Robert Frost Memorial	Have signs about before and After		Monuments	An Historical Statue	Monument		Statue	History on a sign	Historical	Monuments		Моле	Sign for people to read about history, i.e., houses that used to be there	A Statue
Activities	No Frisbee or Soccer	Summer BBQ		Rock climbing Wall, skate park	Studying, soccer	Skateboarding	Swinging, skating	Ice Skating	Summer sports	Everything	Everyday use	Frisbee, BBQing	swimming		community Events. Statue Concerts		sports and	Capture the Flag	Concerts	Skating in Winter	Kids running around	Junping, sitting spinning, laying, swinging
PublicUses	Sitting and Walking	Fun Tournaments, Playground for Kids		Concert Stage	Outdoor Concerts	Outdoor Movies		Rallies	Tournaments	BBQ Pits	Pool	Dog Walking, Rent it for gatherings like Look Park	skateboarding	Stage	Concerts, BAthrooms, Nice bathrooms	Lots of Privacy at night	outdoor concerts	BBQ Pits	Bathrooms	Events like the one on the common (Taste of Amherst)		bathrooms
Landscaping	Lots of Flowers	Small garden	Area for flowers, lots of trees	Labrynth of flowers Concert Stage	Pretty Trees	Fountains, Bushes	Pretty Trees	garden path	Have alot of colorful flowers	Trees, Flowers	Flowers, Tree	A Fountain, Should be Flowers, especially Daffodils	skateboarding	Flowers	Pretty, Lots of Flowers	Garden with Benches	ss, less	"	Live Grass not dead grass	Open places to play sports or do whatever you want		Pretty flowers
RecreationalUses	Field Hockey & Lacrosse	Basketball court	Handball and basketball court	<u>g</u> .	Football, Ultimate	Football	Ice Skating, Swing Sets	Skate Park, Ice Skating rink	Basketball and Football	Basketball	Tennis, Basketball, skate park		Skateboarding		Ferris Wheel, Cotton candy machine, water slide, Swings	g	Pool	=	rems Wheel, sky high slide petting Zoo	Benches with Checkers boards, Ice Skating rink	b	Trampolines, Ferris Wheel, relaxing swings, a
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Comments												If it were turned into skateboard Pk it would become the place for kids to go after school but the older folks any not like this	geo							
OtherThings		Fountain		Safe Environment- Accepting of all		Town Wide Leaf Raking Event)							More Public Debates		basketball and football				
OverallLookFeel	Fun for kids	Peaceful, Maybe a	More well Kept	Clean, Green, Open to the Public	Нарру	Beautiful	Welcoming and open for use	Fun and Friendly	A Swing Set would add a nice	Swing Sets	Swing sets are key	,		Welcoming to All	Cut down some trees to make a big	<u> </u>	Warm, Summer		Empty Flat	
Historical		i	ï									Tables with students' artwork form ARHS, like cushman store, Artwork could change every year						Statue?		
Aesthetic		Museum	Nothing	Whatever floats 9 your Boat	Nothing to do with Jeffrey Amherst	100	Keep the Trees; Label them		A statue with an informational	Flowers	No Idea							Flowers	Frost Trail?	
Activities	basketball	Volleyball, basketball	BBQ's, Basketball	Jumping , Relaxing	Tag & Family events	An Open space to relax			Little Fairs, or sales, Festivals	Swinging	Swinging, Sports			Yoga	Playground	basketball	2000	Gardening, Thai Chi, Yoga	Community Service	
PublicUses	basketball, flag football	Bathrooms	BBQ's Music festivals	concerts, street performers,	Concerts Street Performers	2274	Picnics	Kids, Fun, Fairs, Carnivals, races, pionics		Swinging	Gazebo for summer festivals			Communist Rallies Yoga	Hippie Festivals, Concerts	Basketball tournaments, football	Basketball games	Community Gatherings	Festivals	
ss Landscaping	Flat Grass	trees, Flowers Bushes	Orchid Garden	Trees, Flowers Bushes	Paints & Hills		grass but flowers too	Pretty, alot of grass	Natives	Keep the trees	At wider Part get rid of middle Trees to have a small field for pick up games			Cacti	Flowers, Fountain	cement benches	Calm, Urban	Gardening	Flowers, Trees(It should have more color	
RecreationalUses	Basketball court, swimming	Swimming, skiing, volleyball court	Playground Hammocks	garden Swings, Trampoline,	Hammocks & Swings	Relaxing, Field sports	swings and a play structure would be welcoming	Swings	swings	Swings, Benches	Swing Set			Gardening, outdoor bookclub, basketball, cosplay arena	Playground	Basketball	Basketball, open space for sports	Soccer	Swings, Playground	
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OtherThings				Those Bushes are not that nice	Food Vendors				I think a music place could really	work out well						Fun Stuff		36			Concern about student use and damage to park
OverallLookFeel		basketball	A grassy Field, Not an overdesigned	Fark Beautiful but has practical uses	Happy, Pretty, Fun, Silly	Nice	Open and Welcoming	Greco-Roman Architecture	oles, A	but practical	benches with some picnic table		Nice	Natural and Clean	Natural and Kid Friendly	Pretty!	Kids, Fun!	Same way it looks			. , .
Historical																					
Aesthetic			Emily Dickinson/Robert "	5	Statue of someone " famous	A Plaque for Jeffrey Amherst	Leave the trees	Monument			Birdbath	birdbath		Art, Modern ".	Memorial	memorials "	Memorials			Nice green space use passively	
Activities		basketball			Fair, Merry-Go- Round, Knish Vender		skateboarding	swimming	Bands and stuff	picnics,yoga,rec sports	benches W/Checkerboards	boardgames	skateboarding	Music	games, sports,	skateboard park	Games, skateboarding	Community movie screenings			General recreation
PublicUses	Handicap Accesible picnic	basketball	Free food and Summer BBQ's	Concerts, community games, Karate, Outdoor movies	Fair		skateboard, hanging out	concerts	Music festivals	fairs, yoga, kickball	musical performances	musical	Everyone	Bands	Playground	Fairs	Fairs	Fairs,international fair	Continue to sell XMas trees	Need for public market space for Amherst Farmers	Boy Scouts use only in December
Landscaping		cement	No Flowers-I like grass the way it is	Nice gardens, Flowering Trees	Flower Maze	nice trees or flowers	Trees, places to sit	No more trees	Birdbaths, flowers	fountain,garden, benches	a garden w/flowers	Flower garden	Trees	Lots of trees and flowers	Hedges, Japanese Maple	bleeding hearts	Gardens! Diff types of flowers	Keep Trees& Greenery			
RecreationalUses	Roller Coaster	BAsketball	Like a new Sweetzer park with a Fountain	ountain	Slide, Rock climbing Wall	Ice Skating, a rial garden for skiers/boarders	Skate Park	Free Pool	Music	area	Playground, swings,see-saw, etc		Walking, skateboarding		Playground, skateboarding, soccer	Tight rope walking to clinic	Swing sets, skateboard	Concerts		Multi-purpose use W/O much organization;South end could be more active	An area for young families to go
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OtherThings	Not every use good for Kendrick Park even if good idea Traffic important: Shut off North	Pleasant Street Use Pray Street for Farmer's Market			Think about KP as a Master Plan; Don't focus on Money Focus on vision and Mastr	pian Go Slow: Modest investment in walkways, ADA.
OverallLookFeel	2 004.2 7 07	. 3.		Don't change it		d. U.E \$
Historical						
Aasthetic	Water Feature Expose Foundations		Gazebo fo music	poetry I		
Activities Open space, flexible use Covered structure could be multiuse- Farmers, skating, boy scouts etc., arts Fairs, fundraising					Plan based on actitivites to take place in Kendrick Park	
PublicUses Rural nature of Park, Farmers need alternative space: support Amherst Farming community Need Covered structure; Like European markets	Intermittant use by organizations	Christmas feel of Xmas tree sales; profits help other	boy socials RP is important to Boy Scouts: Keep the tradition of selling Xmas trees Music poetry events like at	Porter Phelps museum		Traffic: Thought needs to be given to traffic crossings and safety Use Boy Scouts Sale as model for possible future uses East Pleasant Street a barrier for pedestrians and use of Park
Landscaping				Green open space	Landscape for color and sass of use and ease of use	Connections to the park(Street crossings and use of calming of noise etc. Small little places; We need Green in Winter
RecreationalUses Start small to see how the use works, Don't take a dramatic step	Green W/O development		Keep it a green space with benches and a small playground	Frisbee, Homework, eating	A retaining Accessability is very important; refer to Washington, DC Parks walkways etc	
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Comments							
OtherThings		Could Traffic noise be dampened somehow?	Traffic along the main street needs to be slowed down for safety				
OverallLookFeel		8 8 8	ŗË ĝ ĝ				
Historical							
Aesthetic	Look at the Seasons in thinking about use keep as a park						
Activities	Quiet at Town End	Part for young children to play safely					
Publicuses Farmers need an alternative space to sell; covered structures can be used for multipurposes all year round, simple and attractive benefit to all community; a wholesale type market for restuarants on a weekday and public		5	ir i own gets built up green areas will be more valuable than ever	Boy scout Christmas Trees	Handicapped Accessible	Only small events such as plays, movies, tag sales Possibly small events	Want to weigh in for A Farmer's Market, helps assure that farms can survive as farms and keep people in touch about what is special about our town Continue the fine tradition of Boyscouts selling Xmas Trees
Landscaping	Keep it green like the Common open space, grass,	keep as is except replace trees in poor shape	Keep Tan Brook underground	Plant low maintenance flower beds. Cared for by Garden Club??	Nothing else is needed	Benches, gardens	Planting for beauty, flowering trees and leaf color
RecreationalUses	An area for children Don't build	, maybe eating	A passive, quiet park		area like	A wheelchair accessible play area	Downtown needs a place where children can play and enjoy. Add a playground where kids of different ages, trees that kids can climb and seating for adults
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Dear Kendrick Committee Members:

My name is Jerry Guidera and I live on McClellan Street. I propose the following recommendation to the Committee.

The development of Kendrick Park presents a unique opportunity to address traffic concerns in the residential neighborhood to the west of the Park - specifically, McClellan Street and Lincoln Ave - with a simple change in traffic flow.

I propose we extend Kendrick Park some 20 feet to the south and cut access to North Pleasant at the intersection of North Pleasant and East Pleasant streets, directly across from the north entrance to the Carriage Shops.

One-way access to Hallock Street and North Prospect would remain open down North Pleasant from McClellan, but this change would not allow access to the main "downtown" corridor of East/North Pleasant.

This would not only serve to discourage University-generated traffic in the McClellan residential neighborhood, it would expand Kendrick Park and both facilitate and encourage pedestrian traffic to the new park from the Pleasant Street west sidewalks.

I would like to address what I suspect would be the two most immediate concerns from neighbors and town officials.

LOCAL ACCESS: Access would not be cut to Hallock, North Prospect, McClellan or connected streets. Access would remain at the intersection of Triangle and North Pleasant, as well as down Lincoln Ave. While this change in traffic would admittedly inconvenience some local drivers, the benefit of eliminated University-generated traffic should outweigh that minor rerouting.

EMERGENCY ACCESS: If Kendrick Park is extended over the intersection of North Please and East Pleasant at Hallock, it should be done with a raised cross walk that limits access to authorized emergency vehicles (police, fire, EMS). This would cut off access to the general public yet leave access open for emergencies.

I hope this note has provided a clear summary of this proposal. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. I have discussed this idea with some neighbors and hope to have the opportunity to discuss it at future planned meetings.

Best, Jerry

Jerry Guidera 81 McClellan Street Amherst, MA 01002 413 253-4633 KENDRICK INTERNATIONAL PARK

...a proposal by alan root

site

Kendrick Park is approximately the same size as the Amherst Common but its long and somewhat less rectangular shape offers a welcome challenge for creative design. To the park's **north** is the University of Massachusetts with the park situated as a gateway to the flagship campus of the state's higher education network. To the **east**, a very large set of adjacent commercial sites that could be zoned to provide commercial outlets at ground level with multi-storied residences above. Parking could be condensed into one or two multi-storied parking garages. Timespan for this development could be set at 25-30 years. To the **west** of the park are residential sites with extensive acreage. Over a period of 25-30 years, this land mass could contain condos while still meeting all the vital environmental safeguards.

Almost universally, there has been agreement that <u>open space</u> within the borders of the park with its existing botanical appeal needs to be conserved.

problems

Excellence in park design almost never results from a design by committee. In this respect, the old saying "too many cooks spoil the broth" offers a highly useful caution. Committees that set a short list of design restrictions and a possible design theme work best.

themes

A call for loosely-detailed plans from designers or design teams based on a community-generated theme might be the best way to move forward. There are many possible design themes: Amherst's farms and rural heritage... an outdoor museum along some of the street edges of the park with changing exhibitions featuring local artisans... clusters of trees along the park's perimeters with large uninterrupted open spaces. Then, there is my own personal preference – an international park to remind residents, students and visitors of our growing population diversity.

kendrick international park

- 1. On the south side of the park a small to medium playground featuring playtime attractions found in playgrounds across the globe.
- 2. Along the east and west park borders a lighted sidewalk, punctuated by a total of 8 to 10 sculptures as gifts from countries located in diverse regions of the world. In addition nearby rounded benches to encourage social interactions and to discourage people from lying down.
- 3. As existing trees require replacement, introduce non-invasive species from different parts of the world which can flourish in Amherst's weather. There needs to be a thoughtful visual balance between evergreen and non-green trees for wintertime.
- 4. The only building in the park would be a jeweled greenhouse. A partially below-grade level, geothermal building, it would make use of a transparent shell that would be vandal-proof. It would maintain a year round base temperature of 55 degrees with auxiliary heating to raise the winter temperature to 68 degrees. The greenhouse would only be large enough to accommodate groups of 35 to 45 people for lectures, musical gatherings or simple seating that allows a colorful refuge from the winter blahs outside. Flowers within the greenhouse could be representative of dozens of countries throughout the world.

Shaffer, Larry

From:

Clare Bertrand [clarebertrand@comcast.net]

Sent:

Friday, August 29, 2008 12:40 PM

To:

Shaffer, Larry

Subject: Kendrick Park

Larry,

Thank you for welcoming citizen input for the Kendrick Park future.

Here are my thoughts:

-increase parking around the Park

-Do NOT add vegetation, the Park is blessed with many beautiful trees that need trimming to

open up the visibility.

-a gazebo or bandstand would be an attractive addition and something we don't have in town. This could serve as a community gathering spot and with all the talented musicians and artists in the area would be well used. Many New England towns have rich traditions of weekly summer band concerts. I grew up in a small town in northern VT with that tradition and it strengthened our town in very special ways.

I'm sure there are many other great ideas but those were my top considerations. Thank you again for soliciting input. When you work collaboratively, you'll find this community will rally behind you!

Cheers, Clare Bertrand 610 Bay Road P8 TM member And most importantly mother of Liam and Grace ©

From:

Stephen Braun [braun.writer@gmail.com]

Sent:

Saturday, September 06, 2008 7:56 PM

To:

Kendrick Park Committee

Cc:

Mooring, Guilford

Subject: thought

As a member of the Public Works Committee, I'd like to simply introduce an idea that might impact, in a relatively minor way, on Kendrick Park. As anybody who has driven through the intersection of Triangle St. and East. Pleasant St. knows, this intersection is "broken." The primary reason is that, at the moment, the east-bound traffic from UMass on Triangle St. is confronted with a "right-turn-only" sign at the intersection. Which means that through-traffic AND folks wanting to turn LEFT are funneled into a single lane. Which means that a single left-hand turn driver blocks all of the through traffic.

One solution would be to widen this intersection such that we accommodate a left-turn-only lane, a through-traffic-only lane, and a right-turn-only lane. This would make a tremendous amount of sense. But it would also, most likely, require some small incursion into the Kendrick Park space and maybe the removal of a tree or two.

Personally, I think this minor incursion and potential loss of tree(s) would be a very small price to pay for a significant improvement/correction of a current traffic-flow flaw. But others may disagree. Which is OK...that's what democracy is all about. I just feel impelled to raise this possibility to everyone involved in this issue so that we're all on the same page when (and if) the issue actually comes up.

The only other suggestion I have (as a local resident) is that the DPW spend a half-day with a bulldozer to level the area that was used last year as an "ad hoc" skating rink. It was great, but totally topographical! Just a little more leveling and you'd have a really nice, inexpensive rink for local residents!

Steve Braun 180 Lincoln Ave.

From: Sent:

Debbi Friedlander [DebbiFriedlander@verizon.net]

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 9:39 PM

To: Subject: Arcamo, Judith Re: Kendrick Park Survey



Hi,

Thank you for asking for input regarding Kendrick Park. I live on Beston Street, and anticipate using the park a lot. I love it, and loved the old house that was there. I still love it, and would love to see it developed in a thoughtful and functional way.

I would like to see the park be something that the teenagers would use, such as a skate park, and perhaps a basketball court. There is no place where teens are really welcome in town. They tend to hang out by the Bangs Center and Rao's. All they can do there is talk on the phone, and literally "hang out." I'm not sure about the drug traffic that goes on there, but there are certainly a lot of drugs in Amherst. It would be nice for teens to have more activity-type options right in town, such as skating, or basketball, so the area kind of "lures" them after school lets out. I have passed through a small town in Vermont that has created a skate park, and a basketball court right in the town itself. I could remember the name of the town, but I know that it is north of Brattleboro, and just off Rte. 91. I'm not sure how they deal with liability issue. We can also be inspired by Montreal. They actually have a skiing mountain in their city!!! It was great having an actual ice skating place in Kendrick Park last winter. People enjoyed it even though the ice was less than perfect. This brings up the idea of this winter perhaps lining the ground with some heavy plastic sheeting first so the ground doesn't absorb the water so readily. My neighbor made a skating rink in his yard this way, and in the spring we used the sheeting for other things like makeshift greenhouses.

My Kendrick Park idea involves paving, which is not the most "beautiful" option, but I think the landscaping could make it nice, and functional. Perhaps using green colored pavement might make it "blend" into the greenery around the park.

Thanks for your energy around Kendrick Park. Our teens are worth our thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely, Debbi Friedlander Director of Religious Education Unitarian Universalist Society of Amherst

(and mother of Amherst teenagers, past and present)

---- Original Message ---From: "Arcamo, Judith" <ArcamoJ@amherstma.gov>

To: <DebbiFriedlander@verizon.net> Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 8:18 AM

Subject: Kendrick Park Survey

Attached is the survey you requested.

Judith Arcamo
Administrative Assistant
Town Manager/Select Board Office
Town of Amherst
4 Boltwood Avenue
Amherst, MA 01002
Phone: 413-259-3001/413-259-3002
Fax: 413-259-2405

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Sept 8, 2008

Dear Kendrich Park Committee,

I am the daughter of Charles and Evolyn Ward, The late owners of the Chapen-Ward House.

When, as executrix of my mother's estate, I sold the chapen-ward house in 2000, I remember There still existed on the south side of the property nearer to North Pleasant St., a smoke bush. This bush was a gift to me from my future husband, and was planted in The spring of 1962, the year of our marriage.

I have seen your announcement in the anherst Balletin, "Kendrich Park Call for Ideas." I would like to Ruggest, if this 46 year old botanical specimen still thrives, that it be saved,

Thanh you for your consideration.

Kudos to the KPC for such a thoughtful and inclusive approach in the creation of ambient's new park.

Best wisher,

Linda Ward Wallace

We have preferences:

From: Sent: robert ackermann [ackcom@crocker.com] Friday, September 12, 2008 1:01 PM

To:

Kendrick Park Committee

Subject:

My Preferences for Kendrick Park



Thank you, Kendrick Park Committee, for asking each home! It is so inclusive and unusual!

1) Keep it as a park; plant more trees, especially smaller, decorative ones, which are

pretty all seasons, but keep the middle of the park _open_ so that -2) the various fairs on the big town common can be extended to _this_ park. This would give more vendors an opportunity, AND people would walk THROUGH town from one part to the other. Result? More business for the shops and restaurants in between. Using this park in

such a manner would make it a closer and more attractive destination for UMass students.

3) Keep the area that was used for last year's ice rink open for this use. Some park benches around the periphery of the park especially near this area, would facilitate use and

enjoyment.

Thank you.

Bob and Inge Ackermann 59 Sunset Avenue Amherst



From:

Alison Donta [adonta@mtholyoke.edu]

Sent:

Thursday, September 25, 2008 12:11 PM

To:

Kendrick Park Committee

Subject: a suggestion for your committee

Dear Kendrick Park Committee...

I am writing in hopes that rather than grudgingly allowing the Boy Scouts to continue their annual tree sale at Kendrick park, why not look at this as an opportunity to capitalize on an established enterprise? Why not invite local merchants to set up booths to sell hot drinks, holiday-themed crafts, books, or cards to take advantage of the many people who come to buy trees from the Boy Scouts? Why not try to get the town ice rink up and running by the time of the sale (although I realize that is weather-dependent)? I encourage you to consider the popular Boy Scout tree sale as a great opportunity to introduce people to the wonderful potential of our newest town park. It could make the month of December a very festive time in the heart of Amherst.

I realize this only addresses a small window of time in the annual use of our park, but it could be a good start that could set a tone of cooperation in town.

Thank you for your consideration.

...Alison Donta-Venman

KENDRICK PARK COMMITTEE BUSINESS SURVEY



September 4, 2008 8:30 AM

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Name Cathie Watz
Business The Blue Marble
Phone Number 4/3 253 0328
E-Mail Address Blue Marblegifts @ aol-Com
Comments/Suggestions [We the Idla of a connect! as something really different a real distination! Would love to see activities and placeful places alike to draw in folks.
do not like the idea (that I am told is already likely to happen) of an intdoor/ indoor market. If one of the purposes of this work is draw more people to the businesses in town, why would we give the businesses competition?
but like most people am bujuy to figure out how to work another thing into my life!
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Dear Larry and Jonathan,

I would like to give my input on the development of Kendrick Park,
hoping it is not too late. I know there were recent hearings, and still
would appreciate this being included in public feedback.



My preference would be to do very little to develop Kendrick Park.
Though some might claim the town has enough park spaces, both downtown
and beyond, this is a lovely stretch of sanity and non-intensity at the
"other" end of town. There are several things that can be done in the
north end of the CBD to help bring business and customers to the
Carriage Shops, and they should be done; and one of them is maintain
some balance between intensity and calm.

Possibly some unobtrusive, beautiful, natural (stone) benches placed
wisely would encourage people to relax and talk. Maybe some design of a
walking garden or unpretentious labyrynth or rock garden could be a
cornerstone. Maybe some provision for a low impact skating rink, as was
rigged up last winter. Maybe, at most, some very natural seeming way to
accommodate a small gathering, to hear a poet or musician on a very
intimate scale. Maybe, at the very most, a bocce court.

But basically, as little as possible, and nothing trendy or garish like
 a skate park, my main theme is: as nothing as possible. And I'm
 suggesting one of the above, not all of the above.

Also, if there was some way to gently increase the parking around the
 park- diagonal, or compact only, would also be good.

> thanks

> Ira Bryck

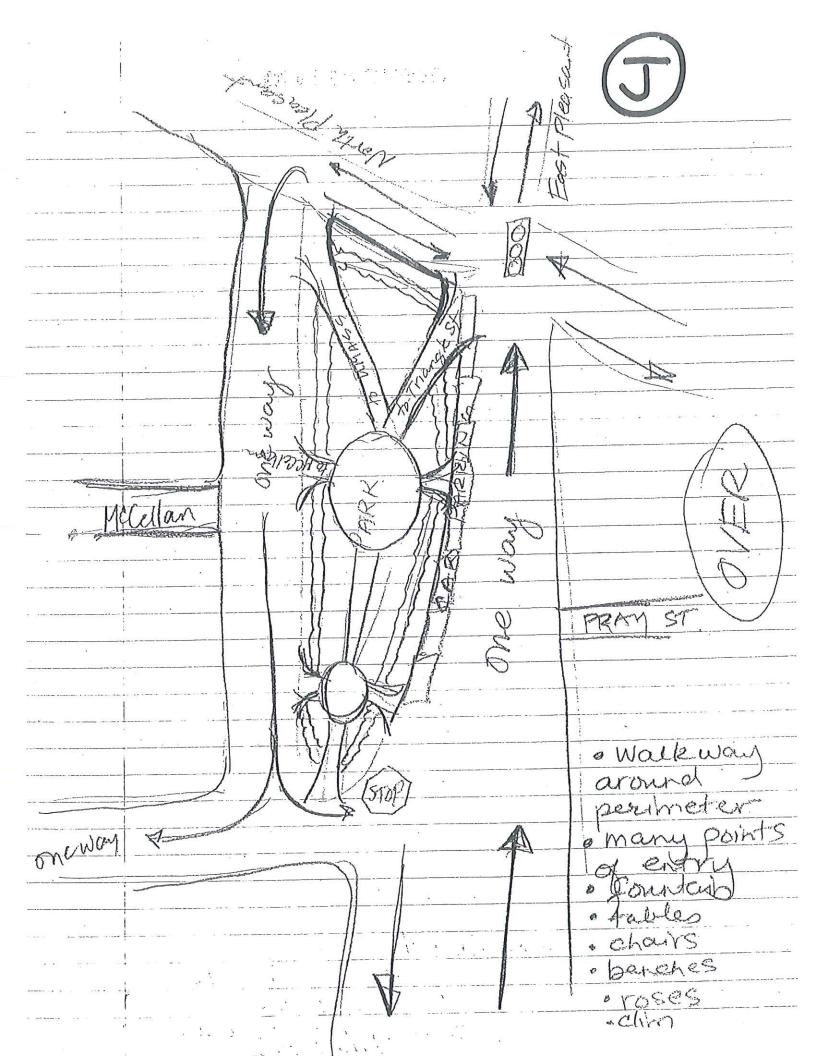
> --> Ira Bryck, Director

> UMass Amherst Family Business Center

> Continuing & Professional Education

100 Venture WayHadley, MA 01035

10/27/2008



From: Sent: Nancy A. Myers [namyers@psych.umass.edu]

Thursday, September 25, 2008 4:13 PM

To: Subject: Kendrick Park Committee Ideas on Kendrick Park



Since we will be away for the General Community Meeting, and note a special meeting for kids and their parents, we hope we may put in some input on Kendrick Park use.

- 1. We strongly favor the continuation of Kendrick Park as a lovely, shaded, green space on the walking route from the north to downtown. A few benches and perhaps a few picnic tables and a walking path from the North Pleasant to the East Pleasant edges would be further enhancements and provide a welcome resting place, especially for more senior walkers like ourselves! Surely, this plan would be the least costly in these troubled economic times, and yet a real enhancement. If funds would allow, perhaps some modest public restrooms could be provided.
- 2. Because of the special opportunity apparently being given to children and their parents to provide input, we also wish to express our belief that the area would not be a good one for formal playground use, skate parks, or activities that would encourage car parking, or drop-off and pick-up areas, etc. The traffic along all sides of the park is formidable and difficult to navigate as is, and further parking spaces there would just compound the felony! Furthermore, it is unclear how the safety of children using the park could be ensured without fencing and gate access, and that would further limit the scenic and pastoral components of the space.

We have enjoyed the gradual expansion of the green for the 48 years we have been walking from Mount Pleasant to Town Central, and hope to keep the tranquillity of this precious open space for a long time in the future --

Nancy and Jerry Myers 44 Mount Pleasant

From: Sent: Patricia Appelbaum [pfa1525@mapinternet.com]

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 12:39 PM

To: Subject: Kendrick Park Committee Ideas for park

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I'm unable to come to the meeting tonight, so here are a few ideas:

1. Keep the general feeling of green space.

I walk in town a lot. The streetscape, heading north from the intersection of Main and North Pleasant, is lively in some places, but bleak in others. North Pleasant Street is wide, the sidewalks add more width, the area around the fire station and the CVS is bare and plain. In the summer especially, there is a lot of glare, and it can feel like a hot, dull walk.

Then you pass Kellogg Avenue, come around a slow curve, and what appears to your weary eyes but a <u>lovely shady oasis of trees and grass!</u> It really makes a difference to the feeling of downtown. Please, let's keep that.

- 2. But I can see that the green space still looks like a series of house lots, especially with the way the trees and shrubs are aligned. I wouldn't object to reshaping it.
- 3. I also wouldn't object to encouraging more activity in the park. I just think we should retain that overall feeling of a green oasis.
- 4. There is talk of an indoor farmers' market. I would certainly go to an indoor market if we had one, but I'm not sure Kendrick Park is the best place to put it. We'd have to park in the Pray Street lot and cross a busy street, or else park in a residential neighborhood. (Or make a parking lot in Kendrick Park. Please don't.)
- 5. There is also talk of an outdoor marketplace. I tend to think we have enough craft fairs and street vendors already. They are wonderful, and I enjoy them -- but there are only so many consumer dollars to go around. Besides, if we are going to encourage retail business, perhaps we should focus on long-term, year-round establishments.
- 6. I'd love to see an outdoor café or eating place in the park -- with an indoor area for cold weather -- but perhaps we have enough of those already, too.

Thanks for all your good work on this project, and especially for encouraging public input.

Sent via the WebMail system at mail.mapinternet.com

From:

awalton@depillis.org

Sent:

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 1:13 PM

To:

Kendrick Park Committee

Cc: Subject: mario@depillis.org playground idea



I compliment the Kendrick Park Committee on its efforts to solicit ideas from the community on the best use of Amherst's new downtown park space. I hope you can absorb one more suggestion.

My husband (Mario DePillis Jr.) has already written passionately that Kendrick Park should have a playground. His rationale is that downtown Amherst should be more welcoming of families with young children, to make it possible for "residential" to continue to be part of a mixed-use town core.

I agree wholeheartedly that we need more young families in Amherst Center and that a playground is a must for Kendrick Park. I would like to add, however, that the RIGHT playground would be a destination in itself; not just for children who live here, but something that would bring families from other towns to downtown Amherst to play - and shop and eat here, too.

So let's not have just any playground; let's have something unique and appealing.

My sons and I recently visited the Adventure Playground in Berkeley, California (www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/marina/marina.exp/adventplgd.htm). We went with a group composed of families from all over the Bay Area, We had a blast, then came away saying (1) "Why don't I have something like this in my town?" and (2) "Where can I get something to eat?"

The Adventure Playground is unique in its fearlessness and appeal to the creativity of children. In a fenced area, staffed by volunteers, children are provided with tools (saws, hammers, paints) and scrap lumber, and are invited to build structures and take them apart. Those who don't feel like building can clamber on ropes, launch themselves down a zipline into a pile of sawdust, or bang on an old piano.

The Adventure Playground model would have to be modified to suit our town's climate and space constraints, of course - but its audacity and tone (real tools, real structures, plenty of fresh air and dirt) are very "Amherst". I encourage you to look into it.

Many thanks, Anne H. Walton 27 Gaylord St. Amherst Hi Christina:

Sorry Norton and I were unable to get to the meeting last Sunday.

We would have very much liked to have been there because we feel very strongly about what happens to that small "oasis" at the end of town.

What happens to it will really impact on a great number of families living in the adjacent blocks, especially McClellan Street.

We cringed when we read in the paper that Town Manager Larry Shaffer said that "the business community is excited by the potential of the park becoming a catalyst for development and an attraction to the public."

As an architect and planner Norton is more than a little interested as to what kind of plans have surfaced so far! What does this mean?!!! What kind of development are they talking about?

There have been an awful lot of ideas put forth already about what to do with the park, but here's what we'd like to see happen:

Use some of the money still left in the trust to do a beautiful landscaping job on the site - lots of shade trees, seating areas and maybe a Band Shell for concerts, but otherwise LEAVE IT OPEN AND PARK LIKE!

Hope we can get to the next meeting.

All the best,

Jeanne and Norton(Juster) 55 Kellogg Avenue



From: DAVID F. FARKAS [david@farkas.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 1:29 AM

To: Kendrick Park Committee

Subject: Great meeting you...



Hi folks...

I'm the guy who talked to you earlier this week at the southern end of the park. I gave several of you my card about the clearing work that I do.

You asked for my input, so a few observations.

There are two natural open fields. One where you were standing at the south end, the other almost
at the north end is used for frisby and ball games, usually by college kids.

• I would suggest developing the south end as an open green for lying in the sun, handing out, etc. The bus stop and parking make it accessible. A few minor improvements like benches would do the trick.

• The areas to the north have the problem of no parking and can only be safely accessed (without crossing busy traffic) from the North Pleasant side.

• The north east corner always feels exposed and noisy... and isolated since there is really nothing close by except Bertuccis. There is a nice quiet spot in the north west corner that might be a natural picnic area. It has some separation because it's raised from the street and it's pretty quiet.

• But, that north east corner needs some plantings or construction to separate it from traffic. Still... it's an isolated spot at night. (I sometimes take late walks around Kendrick Park and into town, so I have felt the area at various times of day and night.

• Seems to me the area to 'develop' is in the middle, but there is no parking, underground water and the energy of the old house.

BTW, as I mentioned when we spoke, I'm happy to do a clearing of the park including the issues from the old haunted house and the geopathic issues like underground water. Clearing it will make this whole process move along more smoothly.

I'll see if I can stop by on Sunday when you're out there waving your arms again. <g>

Blissings, Da∧id





Mario DePillis Jr. 27 Gaylord St., Apt. 2 Amherst, MA 01002 Fred Treyz
242 Lincoln Ave.
Amherst, MA 01002

October 14, 2008

Kendrick Park Committee Town Hall Amherst, MA 01002

Dear Members of the Committee,

Fred and I grew up downtown and for different reasons settled our new families in the same downtown neighborhoods. We have watched it change, with businesses moving out of the center to follow families. There were two hardware stores and two supermarkets, now there are none. Hastings hired paperboys, I was one, from the neighborhoods and now there are none. Don Hastings told me before he passed that there simply weren't enough families downtown to hire from.

We don't have toddlers anymore. But when we did, we noticed the lack of a downtown park we could walk to and let our children play. "Kendrick Park," we thought, "is close enough to our neighborhoods to walk." So we spent a little money and asked a firm to design a simple playground fit for the park. It is attached. We still think it is a good idea for Kendrick Park.

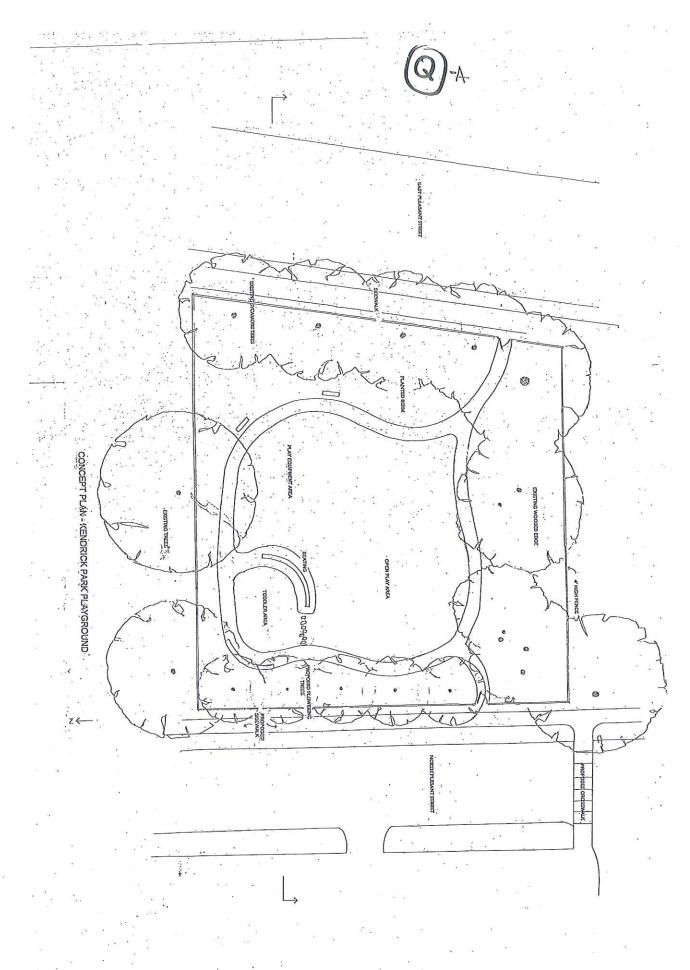
Development style is choice. Our town has not been choosing families for the core. Kendrick Park stands as an oasis that can attract families to the core. It was the donor's open space idea, but it was a downtown open space.

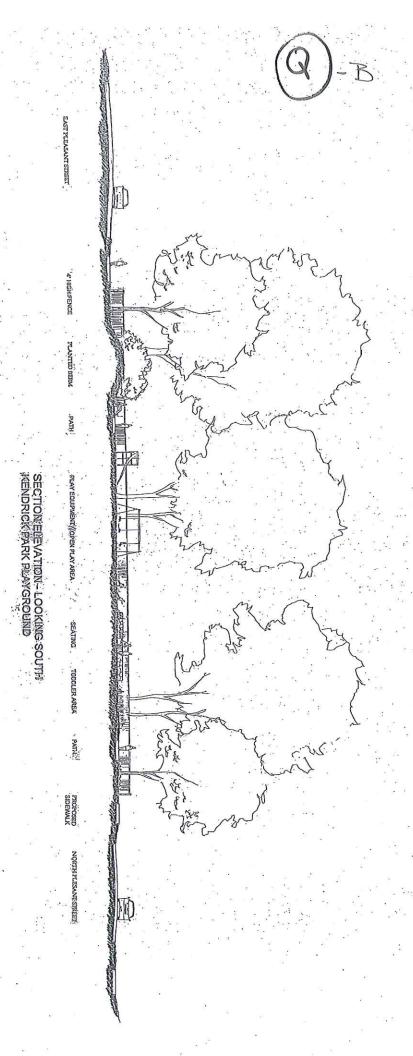
Kendrick Park provides Amherst with an opportunity to reverse its general trend of hollowing out the core. Families make their location decision when their children are young. A playground is an amenity that will attract them downtown. Later, like us, they'll still be downtown.

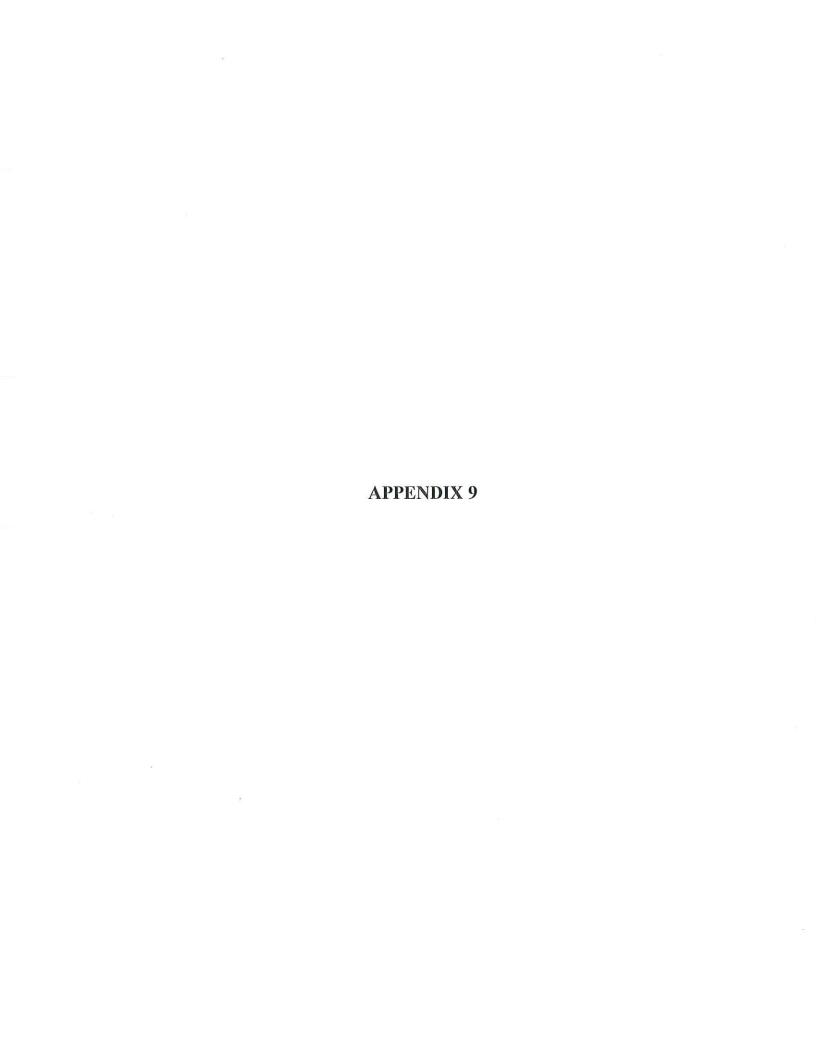
A residential downtown preserves open space outside downtown, but it cannot be done without the younger families. Families anchor a vibrant residential mix of single working people, retirees, and students. The mix creates an environment that goes beyond restaurants and bars.

A playground can establish a residential neighborhood. Few things bind a neighbors better than children. Parents watch their children play at a park talk to other parents, exchange notes on schools, and form friendships.

We don't have toddlers anymore, but we want a healthy neighborhood and a downtown people want to live in. A dense residential downtown, one that supports families with children as well as working singles, retirees and students, is how our town can preserve open space. A simple playground would be a step in that direction.







Town of



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TOWN HALL 4 Boltwood Avenue Amherst, MA 01002-2351 Disability Access Advisory Comm. (413) 259-3040 (413) 259-2410 [Fax] planning@amherstma.gov

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Kendrick Park Committee

FROM:

Disability Access Advisory Committee (DAAC)

RE:

Kendrick Park Redevelopment

DATE:

December 3, 2008

At its November 18, 2008, meeting the DAAC discussed design and development issues regarding the revitalization of Kendrick Park. The following narrative has been excerpted from the Committee's meeting minutes, and reflects opinions and suggestions of the entire DAAC, even if presented individually. The DAAC is strongly in favor of redeveloping Kendrick Park and looks forward to working with the Kendrick Park Committee.

"A discussion of Kendrick Park began with Mr. Malloy, the Planning Department liaison, describing that the Kendrick Park Committee is only in the preliminary stages of design and is concentrating its efforts on gathering public opinion, site assessment, and researching appropriate uses for the site. DAAC members were then encouraged to express their concerns or design ideas:

- Ms. Barrelet emphasized that if there are going to be paths and seating in the park, that it be accessible, with ½ moon-shaped tables (an arch shape) so that everyone sitting is visible to one another. This makes it easier for the hearing impaired to sign at the table.
- Ms. Rising referenced Tom McCarthy at UMass who works with contractors and designers to develop recreational facilities that are accessible and meet state regulations. She cited his work designing accessible skiing and rowing.
- Dana brought to our attention that currently, there is no access by wheelchair into the interior of the park; only a perimeter sidewalk that extends just halfway around the park.
- Ms. Derin expressed concern about parking for Kendrick Park because currently
 there are no handicap parking spaces. Ms. Rising concurred, and said that if the
 HC parking is across East Pleasant Street, the heavy volume of traffic creates a
 very treacherous situation for all pedestrians.
- Mr. Weiss suggested that McClellan Street could become the site of HC spaces as North Pleasant Street is relatively easy to cross with little traffic and it is much narrower than East Pleasant Street.
- Ms. Derin suggested that North Pleasant Street could be widened (perhaps where
 there is existing on-street metered parking) to accommodate HC Parking. She
 also suggested a parking lot within Kendrick Park that has HC spaces as this
 would eliminate any street crossing to enjoy the park.
- The idea of a handicap-only parking lot within Kendrick Park was mentioned, but was quickly decided that universal access (for everyone) is important. The legality of such a parking lot was also questioned.

- A final comment from Ms. Derin and others was to examine the paving material
 used for Kendrick Park. It was unanimous that the paving on the Bike Path, with
 its large pieces of glass, was inappropriate. Mr. Tringali explained that he liked
 the gravel (macadam) path from State Street to the South Beach at Puffer's Pond.
 He explained that the material fit the site and, most importantly, it was a non-slip
 surface and safe to use year-round.
- In addition to the paving material, Ms. Derin suggested that tree roots not buckle the sidewalks of Kendrick Park, as they have on so many streets in town, especially Kellogg Street near Rao's Coffee."

Cc: DAAC Committee Members
Larry Shaffer, Town Manager
Judith Arcamo,
Jonathan Tucker, Planning Director
Christine Brestrup, Senior Planner



To: The Kendrick Park Committee

From: Amherst Agricultural Commission

Re: Pavilion for Farmers Market in Kendrick Park

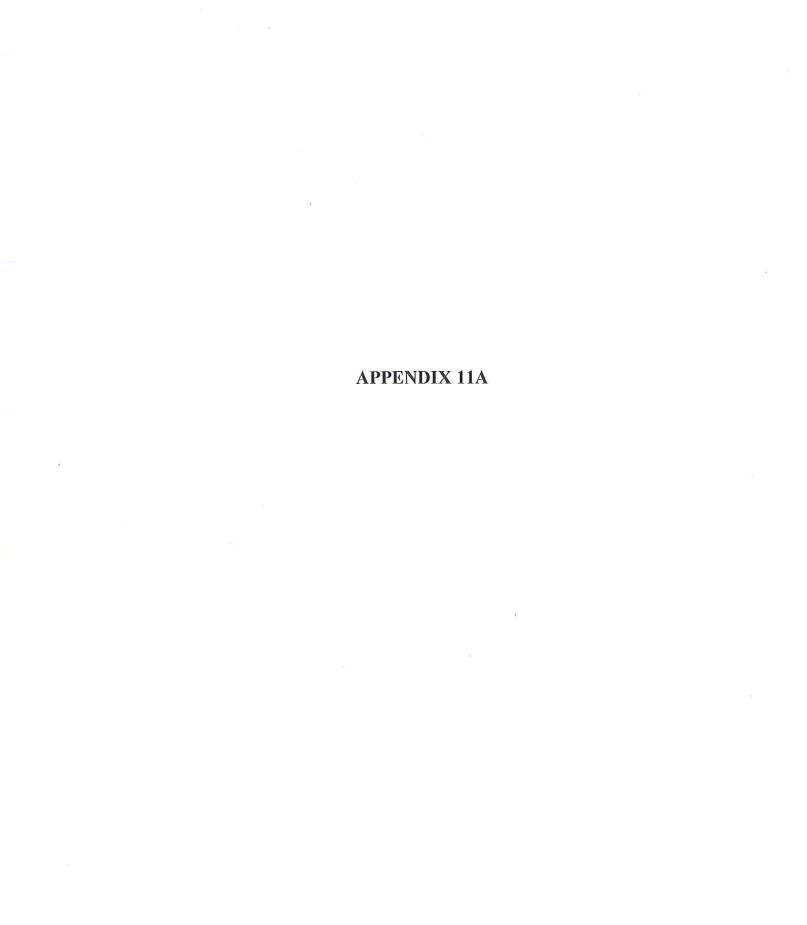
Date: December 10, 2008

The Agricultural Commission would like to express its support for the recommendations of the Kendrick Park Public Market Subcommittee. We have toured the park with the subcommittee, met with members of the subcommittee on December 9, and have reviewed and discussed their recommendations, and voted unanimously to express our support.

The current Amherst Farmer Market, while successful and vital, does not provide sufficient market space for all of the Amherst farmers who would like to sell in it. Amherst farmers who have applied to participate have been told there is a waiting list of ten years. Less than half of the current vendors are from Amherst. Our farmers need market opportunities to strengthen their businesses – and, our citizens need opportunities to buy from local farms.

Use of the north end of the park for a farmers market – one that will take place on a different day from the current market — will bring activity and energy to the park and can be fully compatible with the natural and restful landscape that is desired by many residents. A covered pavilion will allow a longer market season and more comfortable conditions throughout the season. A multi-use open-sided pavilion can, we believe, have low impact on the park through careful choice of materials, good design features, and green options such as porous paving blocks that allow grass to grow. Such a community space can be used for concerts, theater, workshops, craft fairs, and many kinds of arts and recreation.

In this time of economic downturn, our downtown businesses are going to be struggling. Anything that will bring increased community activity and business into downtown will help. Our town's economic and food sustainability will depend on strengthening the production and use of local farm products. A farmers market that sells products grown and made in Amherst will enhance both our town businesses and our farms. The book and the plow have not only historical significance; they feed us.



"It was all very democratic," com-mented one UMass cifficial, "Elliott Richardson and Congressman O'Neil and the rest of them were wandering around from place to place just like

The mass confusion was seen by all participants from their own vicewolnts. At the Record, a corner of the front page of the Sudady space was being held open for a symptes of the address to be given by former Atty. Gen. Elliott Richardson. As originally planned, Richardson was to have begun spouking at hour II. By putning hard, we could have covered the speech without too

"I've never seen a crowd turn ugly so fast," observed one UMass functionary. Part of the problem was that purents were fainting in the balcony. Another was that, there just wears! room for Foversybody. Some families, having oversybody. Some families, having signed through the mud all over semps and following signs as in a bizarce treasure funt, located Boydan

only to be turned away.

They remained unconvinced about lack of room despite the semi-conscious parents being hauled out past them.

1772-1832. Triangle Street was called Country Road" at the time and East leasant was referred to as the "West (ghway." North Pleasant Street was

nonored guest was heard to curse

Howe later became the proprietor for years of the Amherst House,

Photographis were a problem. Against all her professional insulicies, prize-winning Record photographes Karen Waggonen had gamedy agreed to take Bolaroid pictures, since there was no tume to process film from what she a regard as a "real" camera. Calling in early Saturday to report the change in plans, she also informed the publisher that she had just gone through Real and just gone through Real she along of shooting photographer to Annel Adams, an honorary degree recipient, with he office polaroid. Mennvelle, back at Boydon, events by were taking a decidedly unpleasant sy

Old yankee names like Hannah ng Wodge, Morton Dickinson, Moses an Bascon, Isaac Guerrasy Cultur and he Eason-Willing litter the history of a 32 described with the base of the property of the party was conceived by General Renderic, who set up a trust final in- 38 femerals was conceived by General Conference, who set up a trust final in- 38 femerals, was conceived by Generals. Only three houses remain that don't or bedong to the trust, although there is post-based to the bedong to the trust, although there is post-based to the trust, although there is post-based to the trust, although there is post-based to the trust, or complete the project (See Amherst Record June 2).

In a masters thesis for the Unions School of Landscape Architecture, Particle Bischool of Landscape Archite changes over the years.

The Bischoff thesis outlines the history of the site chronologically.

A minor historical footnote occurred
A minor historical document Benjamin
Lincoln from Springfled spout the night
on the "island" ufter dispersing Daniel
Shays' men in Petersham, during the
time of the famous Shays' rebellion.
famous Shays' rebellion.
After 1300 several houses were built
fagely the "West Highway" (East In short, it rapidly became obvious that I like just wastr going to work.
The decision that, hot or cold, it was going out on the field, was made by to Wood, Starting time was further fellayed until noon. Reporters from all over the state saw deadlines slipping away-from One unverified report has somebody's olderly mother screaming at Chancellor Randolph Bromery, another hus Fres. Robert Wood being threatened bodily. harm by an umbrella-wielding parent. In short, it rapidly became obvious that

casant Street). All properties were unded by a farm on the west owned by r. Rufus Cowles. His house still stands

cular to Cowles Lane (formerly

Maple Street of the "island".
The southern part of the "island" belonged to a physician, Isaac Guernesy Culter who sold the property in 1816 to Enoch Whiting and in 1826 another parcel to Abraham Howe. Many papers were covering commercement maniny beause a press conference with Richardson had been scheduled for after the ceremonies. This is was the first thing to ye, since Richardson had a plane to catch. The probing questions remained tucked in

1827-1826. Tan Brook received its mane when two Inneres Enerth Whiting and Excled Bollows lived on the "stand." Bellows lived in a magnificent old Colomial salibox that was torn down in 1879. Viscousia, During this period no neav-houses were added to the "tiland" feeing "Country Road". Kowever, the most significant physical changes took place during this time.

In September 1828, Lewitt Hallock,
who purchased the Cowles farm from On Monday, several persons commented on the persevering good humor of Magr. David Power of the Newman Center, whose wheelchair kept getting rauch in the mand. Ho was "on leave" from his bed at Pervidence Hospial to move him gingedly turned into a fervent hope that he could be carried from places

to place in one piece.

At aoon, whom the procession began, a his number of reporters realized that their in ballpoint gene did not contain indelible m ink. Notes were washed away.

I don't know how Elliott Eichardson's in continued on page 2)

Osymn Baker, brought before the wood County Commission a polition that "the public convenience requires a new bligh- way between the highway near the Notase of Morean and the highway near the house of Mortan Andrews EDITORS NOTE—The following story On the new part series of detailing the history of a tringular program of the series of detailing the history of a tringular program of the series and the series and the view pleasant and Triangle Streets, and the view he land into a public park. The final british and program in Sunday's Record, giving the political restrient to at proposals (or the an expension of the series).

The next month the commission met at the Howes house to view the premises and to hear the property owners in-

By ROBERT BLOSSOM

The commission decided to build the new road (North Pleasant Street) and o awarded the Goldowing Institute of the property owners: Incase Box- obs. Sy Widow. Sarah Needham, 5173; Luke Sweetser, \$75; and Leavitt Hallock, \$34.

The commission of the County Commission by the first day of July A.D.

1860-1872, Kondrick himself was born on August 22, 1885. During the historical period of 1860-1872 he was working in the U.S. Arsenal at Springfleid. He moved to Amberst in, 1865 then moved to Boston

dwellings.

In 1890 the First Baptist Church
Society purchased the 10t of Hamah
Wolge. The same your H.D. Rearing. It
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Kendrick park' abounds in old town names

chook and is now Seelye Street. The house they lived in at 22 Seelye St. is now worned by Robert Flecher.

By 199 there were ten houses on the "fished."

One of the houses belonged to John P. Henry's grandfather. Henry was drafted, as a catcher for the Washington Athletics in 1910, thus becoming Amherst's only professional baseball

player.

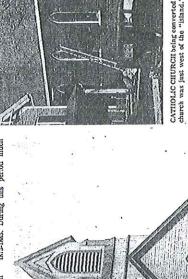
1910-1929. It was during this time that Kendrick conceived of the idea of Kendrick Park. From 1917 until 1939, he served as president of the Amherst (continued on page 3)

in bringing gas, electricity, and water to a Ambrest, was a furble of the Ambrest. Savings Bank, president of the Gliver Smith Charities for six years, a selectman and owner of the Paincer Block which housed an opera house.

It was during this period that six dwellings and a Catholic Church were built to the west of the "visand." (See built to the west of the "visand." Kendrick's sister Jemy was born in 1862, and she lived on Northampton Road with her father, B.F. Kendrick whase estate was later developed into Kendrick Place. Meanwhile, several houses were built on the island, including the home of Dwight W. Palmer, who built his house around 1863, Palmer was instrumental

1887-1899. During this period Kendrick and his wife lived at 6 School St. Later the street name was changed to Hit-

1872-1885. During this period much



CATHOLIC CHURCH being converted to Cathedral Apartments in 1927. The old church was just west of the "Island."



CATHEDRAL apartments in 1974. The upartments are not included in the reposed Rendrick Park since they are off the "faland" and on the west side of North Pleasant Sirect.

THE CATHOLIC Church about 1890, before any changes were made.

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Rich history

(Continued from page 1)

of 'Island' shown

Savings Bank.
As of 1910 Tan Brook no longer had 1910 Tan Brook no longer how hired engineer Henry Ulford to place the brook into a stone tunnel from the McClellan Street, to the east side of Pleasant Street.

During this time the final house was P
bull on the "Island" in 1913. The house
vas bull as a home for himself by st.
Edwin D. Rosworth.
Bosworth and his father built, in st.
addition to his "Island" home, the vi
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Fischer home on Seelye Street, in ce
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ig Amherst water con-ption is ex-e increasing. Mass as old

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St.) was raised," he said.
According to Quaries the trust consulted the Amberst Historical Society and was told by them that the house was of to historical importance, to the town.
"A party in Eddley was interested in the place," quaries said.

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However, a firm in Brimfield, which

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mendations are made.

specializes in moving houses, told the trust department that removal of the v bouse anywhere outside the immediate a area would be economically unfeasible. When the the the single size of the treatments of the the houses be moved to suitable lots (if they are available) on Lincoln a Avenue, Northampton Road and East in Pleasant Street.

In another recommendation, Bischoff Suggests that the Tam Brook be "reopened" and that a small flood storage pond be created on the island for visual benefit in the area.

In the recent past there have, been several instances where the underground conduithas been incapable of accommodating the water flow during

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town center would be extremely cone venient for the town's in-town elderly,
s and should include foot paths designed
with particular needs of the elderly in
mind."

Smith also points out that the urban area from Thrangle Street to McGollan is susceptible to high cost flood damages from storm dainage overflow, and that may plans for modification of the Tan Brook system should provide the area with a high degree of flood damages.

In addition to the history of the site, the Bishoff thesis also malyzes the vegetation, traffic, and utilities on the present site and makes extensive recommendations for the actual land-

She points out that originally the brook meandered across the "lisland" and was called Wolfott Brook, maned in hopes of receiving a bounty paid by the Commonwealth and the town for each dead

scaping of the eventual park.

The next article on the park will present official reaction to the fact, how it implements the SCOG report, and a detailed description of Bischoff's recommendations.

Amherst Record Founded 1844 The name of the brook was changed provident in 16th owll trappers gave way to it tamers Whiting and Bellows. The brook do was placed underground in 19th. The planning office agrees that Elisabelf's suggestion is correct both in a catchetic terms and in terms of flood control in the area. Assistant planner of the Cope ladd the Record this week, "If the stream were placed above ground again the land around the stream would

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uct as a blotter during times flooding."

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The brook originates in a small pond in north of Strong Street, flows south and we sate beneath the island, then north to see then of Strong Street, flows south and we east beneath the island, then north to decrease beneath the island, then north to decrease the strong Street, flows south and we east beneath the island, then north to decrease the strong of the brook's course done by Town Engineer James As Smith, entitled, "Tan Erock, A' Caso De Hydrologic Study of an Urban Water-of should be a mandred the same recom-

Smith says, "A consorvation area such as this in close proximity to the

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IIOT DOG ON SIDEWALK panted it out on Wednesday as temperatures soared into the 20%. No Englishmen were about as the noonday sun daked, the down-

Brookline), all documents, records and correspondence is presumed to be open for public seruting under the terms of the new bill. Exemptions must be proved by the person holding the

THE LEGISLATION defines public or records as "all books papers, maps, Co photographs, recorded tapes, financial number of the property of the proceed tapes, financial number of the personal public of the personal public of the personal public of the personal public purpose. The world county or municipal body. Couris and the legislature are excepted of a stafe, 25 and public purpose. This would include a attention of the general court to serve a public purpose. This would include of such bodies as the Utlass trustoes.

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In a special meeting Friday atternoon the Recreation Commission voted unanimously to accept the new \$590,000 NIII River Recreation Area from the

contractor, effective yesterday.

Final acceptance of the project is contingent upon the Puffer Construction Corporation's completion of a small number of items which remain to be corrected or completed.
The swimming pool at the area opened Saturday at 1 p.m. Formal dedication ceremonies have been set for June 16 at

2 pm. The opening of the area was in some Ar.
The opening of the area was in some Robotts a (ew weeks ago because the town Robotts and not applied for a special sewer Miser and a special form the State Division. By a foreign sewer permit was Whissured by the Division two weeks ago. An

Tudryn; the George F. Williams Sportsmanship Award to Martin Bak; the Girls Sportsmanship Award to Susan

The Michael J. Garvoy Memorial can Prize went to Roger Bouther. Class Athlets were Michael Abramson and Donna Tudryn. The Ebba Tidlund for McKemmic Memorial Award was threshort to Donna Tudryn and Glonn Nowell.

Other awards and scholarships were: U.
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Fyan Romer: Leverett P.T.O. Ruth Se
Watson Scholarship to Lynda Clazier; G.
Amherst Kiwanis Scholarships to 44

The commencement program was held on the steps of the Frest Liberary. Nine distinguished Americans were awarded honorary degrees during the

A complete the complete series of a feetbald Cox, farvard potteson and former Watergate Special Protecutor;

U.S. Representative Silvio O. Conte (R. 1984); former U.S. League of Women Woters President Lucy Wilson Benson;

U.S. Ambassacot to Tunish Taleott W. Seelye; John Wesley Chaufler; president of Williams College; for University of Callonnia Professor Ben Frank Stolatus; John Henry Neale, the banker and attenney; Robert Henry Guest, Durmonth University professor; for Yale University Professor John E. Yale University Professor John E. Yale University Professor.

Awherst Pecond June 9, 1974

Town officials sympathetic to 'Kendrick Park'

RIDITOR'S NOTE—The following article is the third and final part of a series on the Kendrick Trust, established in 1930 to seek the purchase

business zoning beyond its present areas business zoning beyond its present areas in a round the site.

- That cellur holes be left exposed as miniature parks within the park. The stellar parks would be natural "concessation pits", that would be land-in scaped and include benches of natural b of all the homes on an "island" created the plant of the intersections of North and East of Plant of Trangle Streets. An editorial on this subject is included on a page?

—That the Kendrick trust initiate to incrediately a systematic planting a program on properties already owned on by the trust.

"Lower he elevation of the park inferior creating concess confours that he would provide a sense of enclosure and till

A generous bequest in the will of George S. Kendrick, left when he died in 1820, proposes to create a 3.3 acre park just north of the center of town along North Pleazan! Street.

BY ROBERT BLOSSOM

privacy.

Bank officials at the First National as Bank of Amherst, curator of the trust. It have expressed concern that the trust is detectionaling and may not have enough to come within stooling disance of the Bischoff vision for the site. (See Amherst Record June 2). North Plotatin Surfect.

What Renarics could not foresee, at with the line of his death, was the incredible properties of the town and the complexities his deman would present in 1974, even if Bit there is still capable of buying the intered weelings on the site that still dremain in private ownership, which is copen to speculation.

Particial Bischoff, 72 Dana St., has Bricial Bischoff, 72 Dana St

TOWN OFFICIALS all agree that a in failure of the trust to complete the project would be a minor tragedy.

"I think it's said ose the trust at an or "I think it's said ose the trust at an or manager. "I'd like to see the trust of own manager. "I'd like to see the trust of the town for law rebief, with the the town for law rebief, with the bar the town for law rebief, with the the town for law rebief, with the the town for law rebief, with the trust of the area in a park-like manner.

"Secondy." Torrey adds. "I'd like to the "Secondy." Torrey adds." I'd like to the see scene action on the purchase of the dignerations the remaining three houses, with life the of the history of the site, which is bounded by North and East Pleasant and Triangle Streets. Bischolf looks to the present problems on the site and presents detrilled plans of whiti she, as a landscape architect, thinks would be the boats way to develop the park.

Among, the most mirriguing is

AFTER EXTENSIVE TREATMENT

tenancy agreements, or whatever.

"I feel strongly that town meeting we would agree to aid in purchases if the propert if a added.

"Furthermore, I think it would be great to see the crist use some of the money to develop the site through a master plan and promote some planting is

suggestions she makes are:

—Two ponds, one flowing down into the other created by uncovering the conduit that presently carries the Tan Brook under the site. Underground utilities on and around

-Use of gas lighting within the park to provide a ninctconth century atmosphere.

the site.

of trees on the site now."

Torrey said that the situation of the Kendrick Trust is not unprecedented.

"The town is in somewhat the same situation with the Bangs" fund," he said.

Engineer James Smith.

Bischoff also makes several specific he bashoff also makes several specific he the area.

Both Planning Board Chairman Alice he both Planner James Cope to Epstein and Town Planner James Cope neepsess strong apport of the Bischoff neepsess strong apport of the Bischoff neepsess strong as part in principle.

The thesis is really a referement of the SCOG report," says Epstein. "The chair should be commanded the scholars and recommendations for results and recommendations is scriously in any future planning for the in the banks of the was a situation of the original turners. The fond, now amounting, the original turners and Pamp Bangs between page 1017 and 1934. The fond, now amounting, to Stong 000, was left to build a hospital in the process and the town is currently in the process of original turners needs other than a hospital. The result of the contribution and the process of the contribution of the contribution of the original turner. Tower saw, "The Stone very understanding about requests to a return out the original turner," Tower saw, "The Stone very understanding about requests to a current of the manner of the formation of the contribution of the farmer of the formation of the farmer of the farmer of the formation of the farmer of the THE BANGS' FUND was left the town

Both Cope and Epstein alluded to the SCOG recommendation that the area showen the university and the center of town be studied intensely before future development.

THE PROPERTY OWNERS who still live on the site all report that they have never been contacted by the frust about the Kendrick plan for their homes and

"My mother bought this house in 1993," says Mary Dudley, "and we have never been approached to sell. I wish they would sometime, and we could see what would happen." property.
Mary and Helen Dudley and Elizabeth
Irwin, owners of 275 North Pleasant St.,
are the longest remaining tenants on the
"Island."

particularly and its contours aren't as, interesting as the opportunity offered by the Kendrick situation. It will be a generally more interesting park than we

now have in town.

common isn't landscaped

can." she said.

Miss Dudley said that she had always
been under the impression that Ernest
Whitcomb was abying up the houses on
the island, and destroying them for the
park. Now we know differently," she Torrey says he thinks Bischaff's idea of uncovering Tan Brook to create a pond and her suggestion that the cellar tholes be used as miniparks "are both excellent ideas."

However, Torrey is less definite about the traffic situation around the park. "I don't know what is the best solution for the traffic right now, I just don't know."

He added that a meeting next week with traffic consultants for the town was planned, and the three intersections around the "island" would come under

Asbury Dunn, owner of 237 North C Pleasantist, sugh, "We bought the bouse J in 1955 and no one mentioned that the Kendrick plan was in existence. Over the years we beard about the plan but I was always under the Impression that

SEVERAL PROPOSALS for rerouting traffic in the area have already been studied by the planning board and Town -

there was to be a rose gurden planted much about the planned park until fairly here by Mr. Whitcomb." Percently." Ward said that the trust has charles Ward, owner of 291 North never approached him about buying his Pleasant St., asys. "Two ownerd my home. (confined on page 3)

ended mystery of 'island' Pat Bischoff's sojourn

Street, decided abo would return to school eight years ago.

"I thought I would only take a couple of courses," these fail, "I thought I would get involved. I just though It would be a good way to fill my time."

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O a Statickly, June 1, Mrs. Bischoff graduated with her MLA. from the light and the world be a good with the MLA. from the I findass school of Landscape Ar-

Chickenson of the factor of a site, long shoulded in mystery, the "sished" between North and East Pleasant and Triangle Streets.

Pleasant story of the site, which is planned as a 3.3 acre park.

Pends for the project were left by the late George Streattick, who died in late George Streattick, who died in late George Streattick, who died in home the street story today and program chose projects with a much program chose projects with a much grateful that I was allowed to go abread sit grateful that I was allowed to go abread sit with this project," Ekstentiness.

She relates much of the success of her project to the understanding and cooperation she received from Prof. John Martin, who encouraged her on the Kendrick Park project. She took her undergraduate degree at Western College in Oxford, Ohio, where

PATRICIA BISCHOFF
I she majored in interior design.
Bischoff is married to David Bischoff
who is in the Provost's office at UMass.
She is the mother of three children:
Clindy 19, at the University of Maine;
Steve, 16, at Williston Academy; and
Ingrid, 11, a tudent at Widwood.
The Bischoffs have lived in Amherst
since 1957.

intention of the open meeting law, if any immicipal officer wished to use this route to discuss local affairs rather than bringing them before an open meeting. (This is not believed to have occurred in

Amherst.)

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access to documents held by municipal in
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presumed to be public were declared not se

wrote, "...while the Legislature has liberalized access to governmental-fecords since the emetment of the first statute defining 'public records,' it has all no lime broadened the statutory definition to cover. In effect, all records kept to public officials... Any further excension of the definition to additional classes of government records is clearly as a legislative function." In wish, could say this bill was a of received to the 'Down Craic case,' in Businger said, "thut it washt." His first attempt to get similar legislation passed was already on route to failure when the Robert Hathmany of the Mass. Legger ed. "Gilles and Towns, like Businger, we expect that some "gray areas" may confident in link it's inevitable," over Hathmany said. handing down his decision, Tauro

He commented that he believes the intent of the legislation was good, and that he expected most municipalities across the state would comply volun-

am concerned," he added, "that

closed." As an example, he said nequestioned whether written communications on labor negotiations could be kept confidential.

The law lists as an exemption "Inter-

agency or intra-agency memorand or conference shall be per the proper presence of the per selection of the per sel

Kendrick Park

(Cantinued from page 1.)

Ernest M. Whitcomb, 92, of 76 Linolin Ave, founded the Amherst Boy's
Club in 1922. Many people in flown have
'specialted' that it, was he with owns
dounding the Kendrick Park to the town.
Once the reasons specialation grew was
that Whitcomb was named an original
trustee of the Kendrick fund.

Thomas Quarles of the trust department at the First National said Thursday, "So far as I know, everyone who every property on the 'Island' has been contacted by the trust, and they have expressed the feeling that they want beling to everything to reamin as it is for the time beling.

being."

Quaries added that "It's no secret that
the trust is a willing buyer of any
property that remains outside of its
ownership."

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Amherst park use committee holds first meeting

By SCOTT MERZBACH, Staff Writer Saturday, May 10, 2008

AMHERST - Planning Kendrick Park's future uses, from providing recreation such as ice skating to promoting local agriculture with an open-air public market, will be in the hands of a committee that will hold its first meeting Thursday.

Town Manager Larry Shaffer said he wants all ideas and functions for the 3-acre park at the north end of downtown to go through the filter of this 11-member committee and its four subcommittees, with a formal report anticipated by the end of the calendar year.

Since the town took ownership of the property in October 2006, Kendrick Park has seen the removal of the last home standing on it, the construction of an ice skating rink by the Department of Public Works this past winter and what could be last of the annual Boy Scouts' Christmas tree sale.

More changes are likely to take place in the coming months and years.

Shaffer told the Boy Scouts after their 2007 sale, during which they agreed to be assessed a \$1 per tree fee for use of the site, that they should find another place to sell their trees. Yet Shaffer notes that this doesn't mean that the Boy Scouts are permanently out of the picture for using the park where they have sold trees since the 1950s. Instead, Shaffer said there needs to be a process in which the committee determines the best use for the property, and finds out whether any other residents may wish to sell trees.

"What I'm trying to get at is that there is no protected class at Kendrick," Shaffer said.

And even though Shaffer has promoted the idea of a public market with the possible construction of a building to house it, the committee will make these decisions. "I want that to be discussed at the committee level," Shaffer said.

Shaffer is inviting members of the committee to visit Keene, N.H., on May 31 for a tour of Ashuelot River Park, coinciding with a tour of the city by the Amherst Shade Tree Committee to see how that city has approached the planting of trees along public ways.

"I want people to get a sense of what's possible, and see how people in other communities have handled the same issues," Shaffer said.

Ashuelot River Park is similar in that the park is near commercial development and includes both a gazebo and a bridge.

The four subcommittees will focus on recreation, history and aesthetics, nature and landscape, and the public market, and be staffed by Planning Director Jonathan Tucker, Conservation Director David Ziomek, Leisure Services and Supplemental Education Director Linda Chalfant and Tree Warden Alan Snow.

The formal role for the committee is to "study the recreational, scenic, historic and aesthetic uses of Kendrick Park" and "propose to the town manager recommendations consistent with the charge and the conditions of the Kendrick Park Trust."

The members of the main committee include Peter Blier, Patty Brandts, Harry Brooks, William Hutchinson, Christina Mata, Margaret Roberts, Marilyn Rodzwell, Liz Rosenberg, Susan Sheldon and Jeffery Tenenbaum.

The committee will meet the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

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Kendrick Park

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Kendrick Park is located on the north side of town on the west side of N. Pleasant Street, flanked by Copy Cat Print Shop toward the east and Silverscape Designs toward the west. I mention this because though I have driven by this parcel of land for many years, I haven't REALLY taken much notice. Until recently.

In case, you are <u>still</u> wondering where Kendrick Park is, it is the site where the Boy Scouts have been selling Christmas trees for many, many years.

Four-score and seven years ago . . . Ok, let's just say many years ago, there were a handful of homes on that parcel of land. In 1930 the Kendrick Trust fund was formed with a codicil that once all of homes were purchased, the land would be preserved in perpetuity as a public park. Back in the fall, the last house was purchased and moved and thus this 4-acre parcel of land is now a blank canvas awaiting her coat of paint.

In order to "paint that canvas," we need to first decide what "colors" to use.

Out of this was born the Kendrick Park Committee. The Committee's charge is as follows:

The committee shall study the recreation, scenic, historic and esthetic uses of Kendrick Park and shall propose to the Town Manager recommendations consistent with the charge and the conditions of the Kendrick Park Trust.

Some of the ideas that are being discussed are:

- 1. Open space, rustic and natural; native trees, grasses, little grooming other than lawn mowing and raking.
- 2. Groomed park space (Sweetzer look) flowering bushes, ornamental trees; benches, walking paths, water garden; fountain, public sculpture.
- 3. Some recreation ice skating; bocce courts, outdoor chess tables, exercise classes; dog park section, fenced and maintained; volleyball courts.
- 4. Active Park Entertainment shell band concerts; summer events; summer theatre; gazebo; carousel, public market (enclosed), exhibits; park management for event organizations and management, visitor center, comfort station.

These are just some of the many possibilities of how to use this great piece of land. One of the reasons, as I see it, that this land is so important, is that it can be the other "bookend" (the other one being the Town Common) and where the north part of town starts.

The Kendrick Park Committee meetings are public and meeting times can be found by going to www.amherstma.gov.

We invite you to attend the meetings so that you can share in the process!

Until next month

Patty

Kendrick Park loaded with bulbs this month

By SCOTT MERZBACH Staff Writer

Kendrick Park will be filled with the vibrant colors of daffodils next spring thanks to the efforts of students at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture.

The students recently spent a day planting 900 donated bulbs of three different varieties at the southernmost tip of the park. "The idea of where they were planted is to give the most visual impact," organizer Dolly Jolly said.



Dolly Jolly, a member of the 250th Anniversary Committee, which organized the daffodil planting, said the plants are being put in where they will be seen by the public.

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impact," Jolly said.

The students arrived on the morning of Oct. 24 and spread several yards of compost from the Natural Resources Department at the University of Massachusetts. These students also removed burning bush, an invasive shrub, from the site.

Then, a dozen Stockbridge students in Mike Davidsohn's landscaping contracting class, as well as members of the Alpha Tau Gamma fraternity, returned in the afternoon to put in the

"It all came together and it all ended up very nicely," Jolly said.

Mulch was donated to protect the beds from being trampled on.

About 10,000 daffodil bulbs are being planted at all four commons in Amherst and at its two downtown parks. Another 12,000 bulbs are being sold to homeowners for planting on their properties.

Teenagers offer ideas for Kendrick Park

By SCOTT MERZBACH **Staff Writer**

AMHERST — Commemorative plaques recognizing Amherst's history. Swingsets for children and teenagers to play on. Tables that could serve as permanent or rotating artwork. A statue of actress and former Amherst Regional High School student Uma Thurman.

Those were among the dozens of suggestions teenagers brought forward for the future use of Kendrick Park at a recent idea-gathering session held by the Kendrick Park Committee at Bertucci's restaurant.

Christina Mata, a member of the committee who helped organize the "Hot Pizza for Hot Ideas" event, said students who came for a slice of pizza took interest in providing wonderful, thoughtful ideas for what Kendrick Park could become.

"It's such an exciting opportunity for Amherst to have this space, and the teens seemed excited to give their responses,' Mata said.

While the committee had previously reached out to the business community, the residents living in the neighborhoods surrounding the park and the community at large, this marked the first time it targeted Amherst's younger residents for ways to use the 3.3-acre site.

For many residents, the park has probably best been known as the site of the annual Christmas tree sale by the Boy Scouts. Last winter, after the last home on the land had been moved, and the town formally acquired the property, it featured an iceskating rink. But it's future is expected to be decided by recommendations the committee makes in the coming months.

Mata said her son, Jackson, sent out text messages to his fellow students and 83 came to fill out information sheets, providing written ideas in categories that will help determine the park's future recreational uses, its aesthetics and landscape and its overall look and feel.

Many of the high schoolers mentioned statues or monuments, especially to recognize poets Emily Dickinson and Robert Frost. Others said there should be space for sports and pickup games and tai chi and yoga. Tennis courts, a miniature golf course and a skateboard park were other popular suggestions.

Kendrick Park could also be the site of festivals.

need for tranquility, a welcoming environment and a place they could do homework. Clean and safe bathrooms were recommended by some students.

Committee member Hope Crolius, who came up with the name of the meet and greet, said it is important to reach out to high school students. She noted that they are frequent users of the park in its existing state, whether waiting for buses there, reading books under a tree or holding an impromptu athletic contest.

"They're really the current stakeholders," Crolius said.

Bertucci's manager Cindy Kanaley ensured there would be plenty of pizza for the students on the restaurant's patio, which overlooks the park. The Kendrick Park Committee appropriated \$300 from the \$50,000 or so remaining in the trust to purchase the pizzas.

The money in this trust, established by George Kendrick in 1930, is expected to be used for startup and design costs and special projects.

Mata is now compiling raw data into a spreadsheet for the committee's next meeting. This data will include comments made by people at all the infor-But students also noted the mation-gathering sessions.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hadley Garden Center Donates Trees and Shrubs to the Town of Amherst

AMHERST, MA -- November 26, 2008 The Hadley Garden Center, 285 Russell Street, Hadley, has donated a significant number of trees and shrubs to be used along public ways and in Kendrick Park, the new urban park between North Pleasant and East Pleasant streets in Amherst. The total value of this gift is \$4,122.00. The trees and shrubs will be wintered by Alan Snow, the Town's Tree Warden, and then planted in the Spring.

"On behalf of the Town of Amherst, I would like to thank and congratulate the Hadley Garden Center for its kind gift. By its generosity, the Hadley Garden Center makes Amherst a more beautiful place to live," Amherst Town Manager Larry Shaffer said. "The Hadley Garden Center's contribution represents its commitment to ensuring that Amherst stays a beautiful place. I know I speak for the Kendrick Park Committee and the Public Shade Tree Committee in thanking and congratulating the Hadley Garden Center for its very generous gift to the Town of Amherst."

For Kendrick Park, the Hadley Garden Center donated three (3) Shadblow Serviceberry, one (1) Weeping Larch, three (3) Witch Hazel, one (1) Harry Lauder's Walking Stick, and one (1) Japanese Maple.

For the public way, the Hadley Garden Center donated to the Public Shade Tree Fund one (1) Red Oak, one (1) Japanese Snowbell, two (2) Stewartia, two (2) Paperbark Maple, two (2) Yoshino Cherry, three (3) Black Gums, and three (3) Sugar Maple.

Questions about this Press Release may be answered by:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Landscape Architecture Students from UMass Present Designs for Kendrick Park

AMHERST, MA – December 3, 2008 The public is invited to presentations of designs for Kendrick Park by students of the University of Massachusetts Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning on Thursday, December 11, 2008, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Town Room, Town Hall.

Students will present an analysis of the site along with scale models illustrating their conceptual designs. A discussion period will follow with comments and suggestions from the audience..

The students have been studying the Park and developing designs as part of a Sophomore Design Studio, taught by Professor Frank Sleegers. They have met with members of the Kendrick Park Committee to gather information on the needs and desires of the Amherst community with respect to future uses of the Park.

The Kendrick Park Committee has been meeting for the past year to gather citizen input, come up with ideas for uses of the park land and develop guidelines to aid the Town Manager in the management of the park land.

The Town of Amherst recently took possession of the Park after the last house was relocated to a site on Gray Street, earlier this year.



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Students' designs for Kendrick Park at wünderarts gallery

Welcome to an exhibit of models illustrating designs for Kendrick Park, prepared by students of the University of Massachusetts Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning.

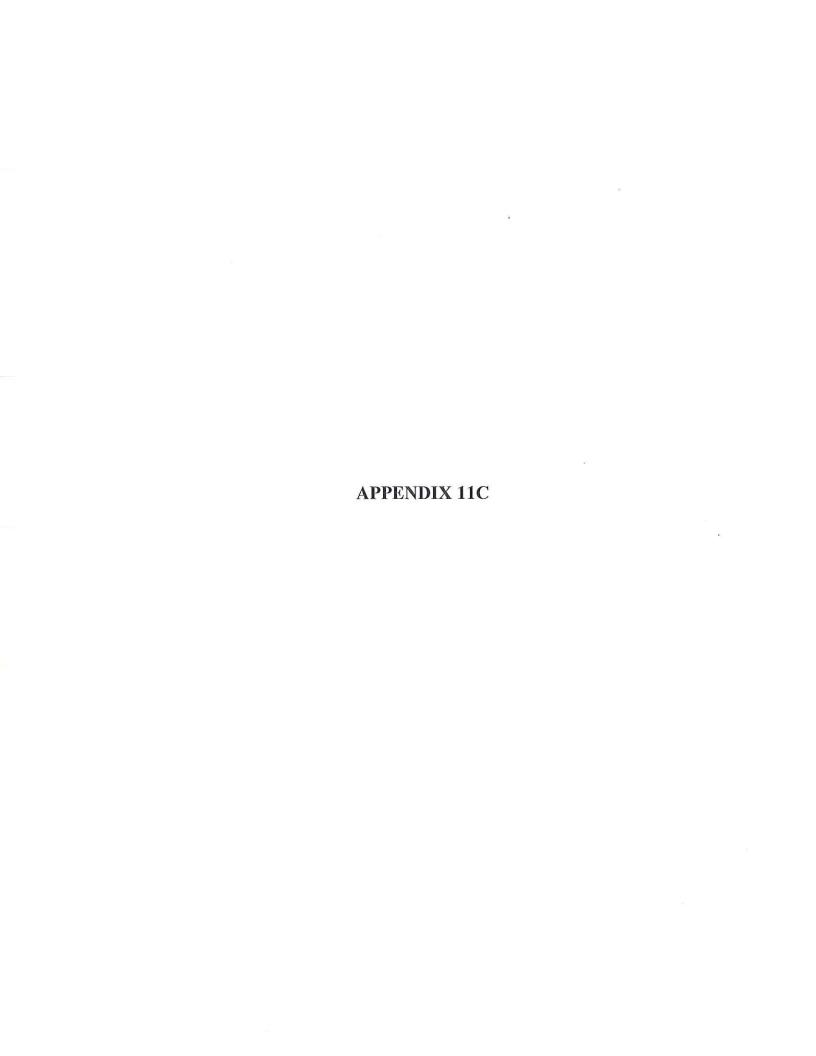
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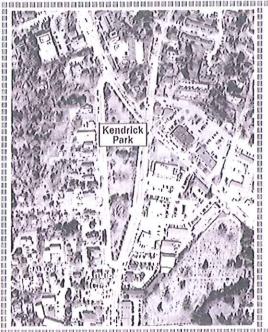
If you have comments on these designs you may contact:

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CALL FOR IDEAS



The Kendrick Park
Committee is looking
for your Input,
Thoughts and Ideas
for the best look,
use and overall
"feel" for Amherst's
newest park, located
at the north end of
downtown.

Send us your Vision for the Beautiful, 3.3 acre Kendrick Park by filling out the form below.

- **1. Mail to:** KPC, c/o Town Manager's Office, 4 Boltwood Avenue, Amherst, MA 01002 **OR**
- 2. Email us at: Kendrickpark@amherstma.gov OR
- 3. Stop by Town Hall and drop off this form!

Upcoming Public Meeting Dates:

- Business Community Meeting: Thursday 9/4/08, 8:30 a.m. Kendrick Park (Rain location The Pub)
- Residential Neighborhood Meeting: Sunday 9/14/08, 2:00 pm Kendrick Park
- General Community Meeting: Tuesday, 9/30/08, 7 p.m. Town Room at Town Hall

· School Community Meeting: To be announced

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE FOR:

Recreation Uses

Landscaping (plantings, paths, etc.)

Public Uses

Activities

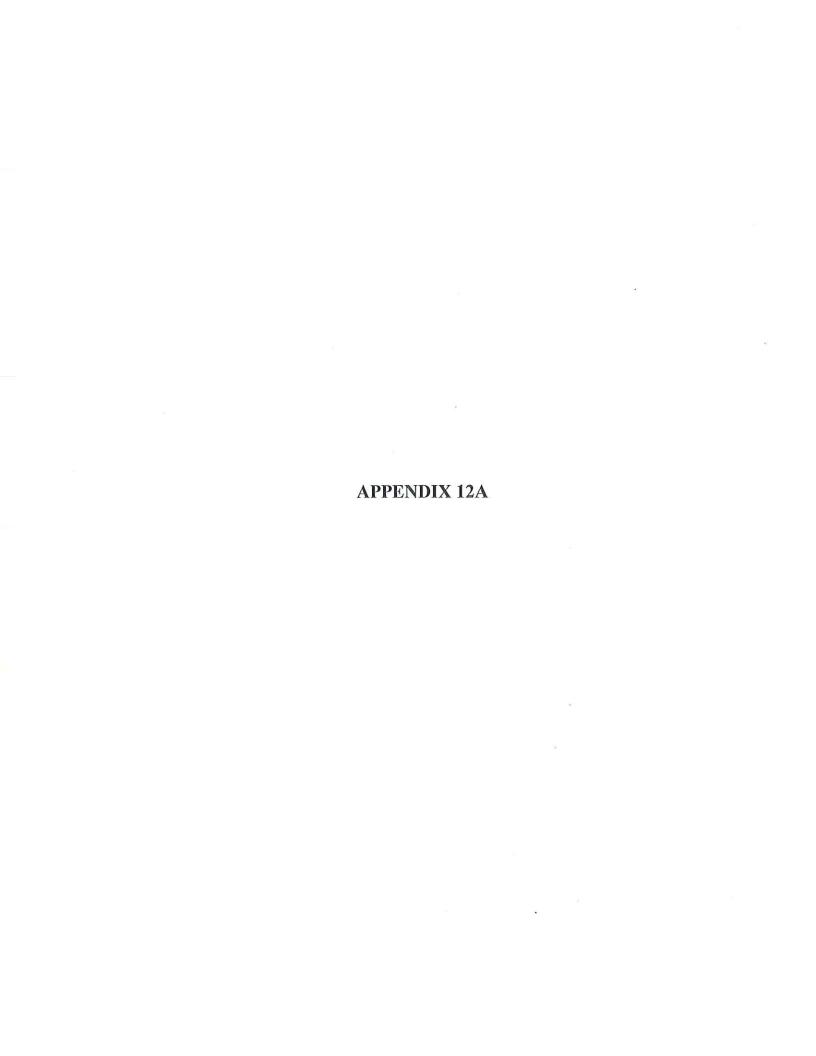
Aesthetic

Historical

Overall Look/Feel

Other things you'd like considered by The Kendrick

Park Committee



Kendrick Park Committee History & Aesthetics Subcommittee Report

General Recommendations

- New Design Design and program use of Kendrick Park should honor, but not be limited to, the traditions of other existing public spaces in Amherst or the period and 'park' concepts with which George and Jenny Kendrick would have been familiar. Amherst has numerous traditional downtown green spaces—Town Common, Sweetser Park, West Cemetery, and the grounds for public buildings. Kendrick Park should be a beautiful landscape that is coherent as a public park, but its design and use should provide the community with something new and different for Amherst, something forward-looking and active that will durably serve the needs of the entire community and be an attractive destination for visitors. This should include multi-purpose urbanized spaces, and quiet ornamental green space, and such structures as may be necessary or desirable to accommodate town center uses and activities. Kendrick Park should be more than a quiet, contemplative neighborhood retreat.
- UMass/Downtown Connection The location and history of Kendrick Park make it an entry and a path of connection between UMass and downtown Amherst. The design and programming of the park should take this into account.
- History The long history of the Kendrick Park area, its development and use, should be recognized in the design of the park's landscapes, spaces and structures, and in a series of historic interpretive displays. This should include investigating the surfacing and reuse of building foundation stones and other materials as park features—seating, walls, enclosures, surfaces, markers, etc.
- Archeology The archeological and interpretive value of buried materials, including building foundations, middens, cisterns, etc., should be fully investigated during the process of planning for alterations in the park's landscape.
- International Design The architectural and landscape design influences of Japan or other nations might also be considered for the design of spaces, structures (entry arches?), the use of water features, and the landscaping of paths and plantings. In addition to Amherst's historical and cultural connections to Japan, much of the cultural future of United States will involve connections to the larger world.
- Accessibility & Sustainability All man made features of the park design should, to the greatest
 extent feasible, be both handicapped accessible and 'green' (environmentally sustainable) in design.

Specific Recommendations

- Environmental Quality & Tan Brook Part of the park's history and aesthetic quality is its environmental quality. In discussing whether or not to 'daylight' Tan Brook, or to otherwise use its water for the creation of water features, the history ("Wolfpit Brook", the tanneries, etc.), extent and roles of the brook's watershed could be highlighted in public displays and park information. Park design that involves the brook could be used as part of a larger effort to clean up the Tan Brook watershed and increase public awareness of this important downtown water resource. Given the current efforts to clean up the Campus Pond (downstream on Tan Brook), this would provide an opportunity for cooperative efforts with UMass. Planning for any ice rink, water park, etc. should employ appropriate practical new technologies ensuring the utility of those facilities over time.
- Performance Space In the design and programming of multi-purpose spaces and structures (large and small) within the park, ample accommodation should be made for public performances—music, readings, drama, puppetry, etc.
- Public Art/Sculpture The use of sculpture and/or sculptural elements should be considered in the design of all structures and spaces within the park, and as an element in historical interpretation.

Entry gates/arches, wayfinding markers,

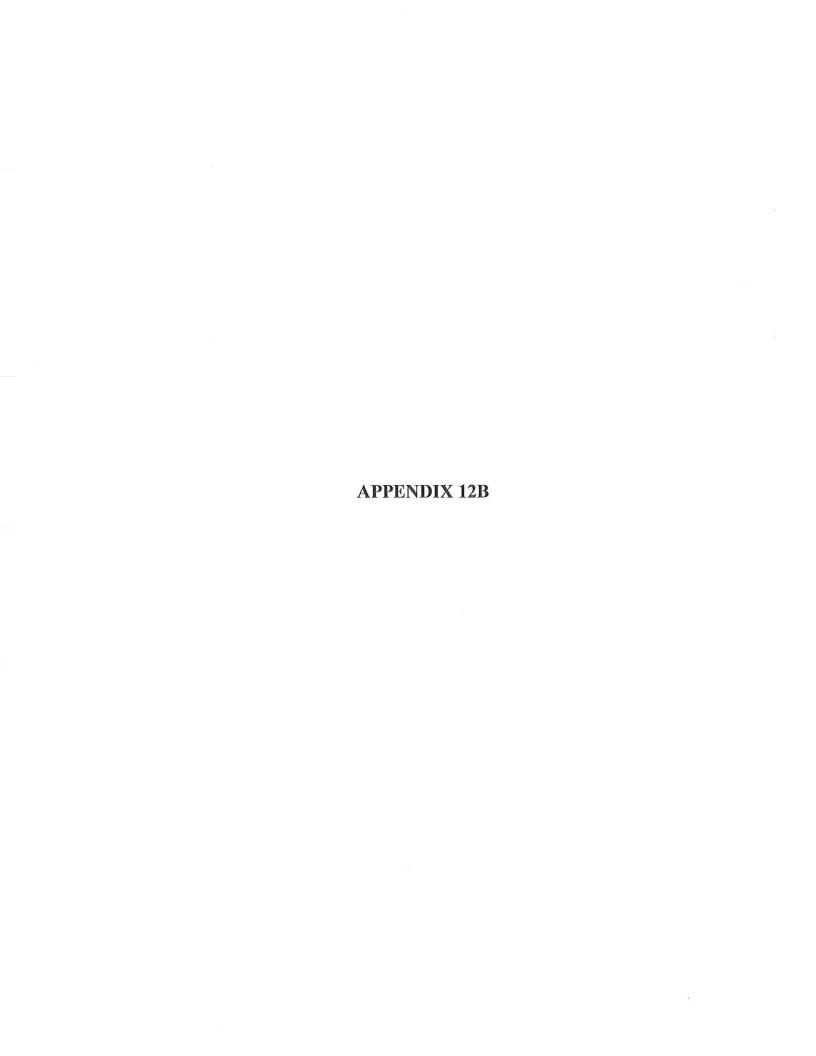
interpretive displays, and seating are a few examples. Locations might be considered and developed for ongoing temporary sculpture installations.

* A Signature Arts Event - Among the options for a "signature event" for the park should be an extended (week-long, 3-4 day weekend) arts festival, including a sculpture garden and other outdoor displays, performances, etc.

Plantings:

World Influence - In addition to preserving and honoring existing historic private and public plantings, the selection of new plant materials—trees, shrubs, perennials, bulbs, etc.—for the park's landscape design should emphasize native species or cultivars, and traditional park plantings, and might include a significant representation of Japanese and Asian species, in keeping with Amherst's long association with Japan and the presence of Japanese and Asian trees and other plants as a part of the Amherst landscape for more than a century. This would be an opportunity to make connections between Kendrick Park, the heritage of William Smith Clark (buried in nearby West Cemetery), UMass (Clark was largely responsible for the Massachusetts Agricultural College being located in Amherst, and was one of its first Presidents), and to Amherst's sister city of Kanagesaki, Japan. The "Plow" - There is a growing understanding of the role of farming and other local resourcebased activity in community life. The design and use of Kendrick Park should in some tangible way reflect this fundamental aspect of Amherst's history and future. Traditional farming, forestry and other local land resource-based activity could be celebrated within the framework of an urban park design—an arboretum of park tree species including the use of native food trees (chestnuts, oaks, hickories, butternut, chestnut, apples, etc.) and the use of local crop species, herbs, and native food plants as decorative and intensive small-scale demonstration elements could provide a symbolic representation of this important local tradition. A Farmer's Market space/structure (whether seasonal or permanent) would provide a direct, ongoing role for local food traditions in the park's function.

- Lighting & Acoustics Park lighting design should serve not only as a security feature, but as an aesthetic complement to spaces, structures, plantings and night-time activity in the park. The siting and design of lighting and acoustics within the park should maximize the effectiveness of uses and activities within the park, including performance spaces. The park's lighting and acoustics should be welcoming and inclusive with respect to adjacent downtown business areas, but should minimizing impacts beyond the park's boundaries in the direction of adjacent residential neighborhoods.
- Nodes At pathway 'crossroads' and other important focal or activity points throughout the park, a
 distinct and identifying <u>combination</u> of place-making/way finding elements should be created,
 including but limited to: informational or directional kiosks/signs, sculptural elements, historical
 interpretive materials, paving, lighting, and gardens.



Natural & Landscape Subcommittee: Final Recommendations

This is the final recommendation by the Natural and Landscape Subcommittee of the Kendrick Park Committee based on our research, subcommittee meetings, general committee meetings and suggestions/requests from community members at various public events over the months (business, neighborhood, high school, and the community at large). We have listened and thought carefully about the future of the Park and recognize that we would need many Kendrick Parks to include all the hundreds of wonderful ideas that have been expressed by the community. Conceptually, we see a multi-use park that invites people in for both passive and active enjoyment of a beautiful, green and well designed park that enhances our Town and the lives of the people that visit.

OVERALL DESIGN

- We recommend an Active Southern end that includes a multi-use, terraced public gathering area, a more protected play area and open fields for pick-up recreation and winter ice skating; The Tranquil Northern end will be for passive enjoyment with little change to its current look and landscape.
- Utilize the existing lot lines and grade differentials in the overall design of the park, in order to create multiple uses of these areas.
- Entranceways will be distinctive and inviting and will utilize some type of archway appropriate to the parks' overall design.
- Surfaces: All surfaces are to be permeable; such as stone or pavers with no concrete or asphalt, in order to allow precipitation to reach soil and tree roots.
- Leave tree canopy as is except for diseased or moribund trees, and invasive species. We recommend creating an arboretum in the park.
- Pathway/Access: We recommend the creation of a path through the interior of
- the park that is a loop or figure eight design appropriate to the final design of
 the park so that people of all ages and abilities can access the park. In
 addition we recommend that the East Pleasant street sidewalk is expanded to
 intersect with the interior pathway of Kendrick Park so that people do not
 have to cross the street twice to have sidewalk access to, and around,
 Kendrick Park.

STRUCTURES AND LAND FORMS

- We do NOT RECOMMEND the construction of any large structures on Kendrick Park, such as a public lavatory or traditional playground structures.
- We RECOMMEND that "earthen forms" and/or sculptural elements be substituted for traditional playground structures (along the lines of the Cushman salamander, and the North Village play mounds), capitalizing on existing natural topography and/or manmade features (such as house foundations), providing a natural-feeling landscape for children of all ages to explore, jump off, run up, roll down, crawl around on, etc.
- We RECOMMEND that the subject of a permanent covered Farmers Market be explored further for elsewhere in town. In particular, we see a much more optimal use of the Pray Street parking lot, which might be used for a permanent, covered, year-round farmer's market, as is done in Boston and many European cities creating a well-organized, multiple use of the same piece of land.
- * We RECOMMEND that the subject of public bathrooms be explored further for elsewhere in town.
- We RECOMMEND the addition and judicial placement of benches/sitting
- areas throughout the park.
- We RECOMMEND terraced stone steps created at the natural rise near the
- Ward house lot to accommodate concerts, performances, sitting and
- children's play and to encourage multi-use of the park.

TRAFFIC AND LAND USE SURROUNDING PARK

- We RECOMMEND designating North Pleasant Street Extension as one-way and creating additional parking spaces for the community. A one way street calms traffic, creates a safer buffer around the Park as well as opening up the possible use of this street as an alternative week day farmers market location.
- We do Not RECOMMEND any sacrifice of park land for road widening at North Pleasant/East Pleasant/Triangle Street intersection.

PUBLIC GATHERING SPACES

- We RECOMMEND creating a play area within the southern section of Kendrick
- Park that is multi-use but provides a safe and more intimate area for families
- with young children to congregate. Low stone walls that offer seating and/or
- raised land forms would create a family/young child friendly area for play. As
- was mentioned above, earthen land forms, berms, low walls or sculptures
- would provide unique and multi- use play areas for children.
- * We RECOMMEND that the "Active" area be limited to the southern tip of park, extending no farther than where the natural rise is, just south of the Ward house lot (last house removed). This will help delineate the "active" from the "passive" sections of the park; leaving the northern end a more tranquil and passive oasis.
- We RECOMMEND that this southern section be designated for multi-use and for the heaviest foot traffic, i.e., small art shows, performers, tabling events, music and theatrical performance and areas for other events. Specific policies will be developed by the Kendrick Park Committee regarding fees for use of this space, with perhaps a discounted fee for not-for-profit entities (501(c) organizations) using the space for charitable purposes.
- We RECOMMEND using natural stone and grass for a terraced, piazza style for the public gathering area at the most southern section of the park, which will allow for plenty of precipitation to reach down to tree roots as well as protect the ground from the more active foot traffic and public use of this area.

GARDENS

- We RECOMMEND that formal gardens be limited to the entrances of the park, for the reason that these are costly to maintain, particularly in terms of reliable volunteer labor; without regular maintenance, park gardens tend to look neglected very soon.
- In light of the above, it is recommended that the color that such gardens provide
 be supplied in the form of flowering trees and shrubs with colorful foliage and
 bark. Low-maintenance plantings, including shrubs that need minimal pruning

- and care are recommended for Kendrick Park. Shrubs are an effective and low cost means to create traffic noise "calming" and serenity.
- We RECOMMEND a minimum of 5 years' commitment to caring for any garden that a volunteer group may wish to plant – and that this be written into park policy.

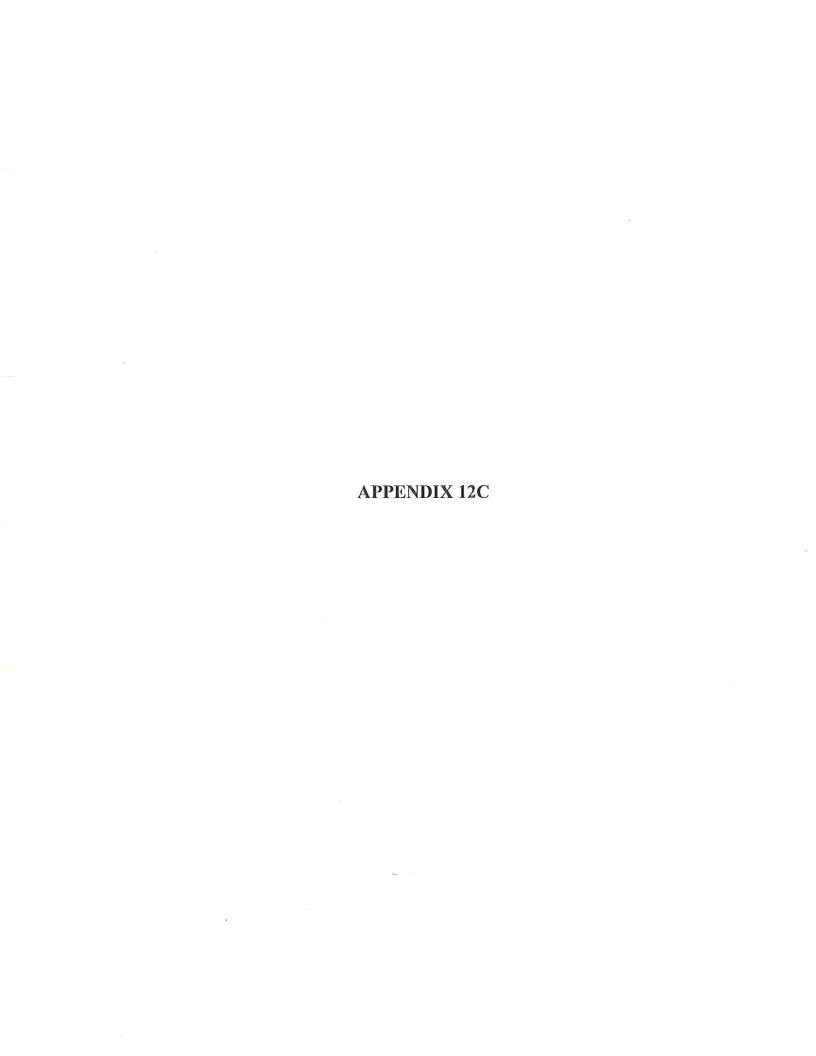
FOOTPATHS/ACCESS

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- We RECOMMEND that a path/walkway of permeable material be designed for the park so that all ages and abilities can walk/stroll through the park with ease.
 This could be a figure eight design or a loop that is aesthetically appropriate to the topography and ultimate design of the park.
- We RECOMMEND Solar footpath lighting along pathways, and "dark skies" lampposts placed judiciously throughout the park.
- We RECOMMEND working cooperatively with WMECO to put utility cables
- Underground.
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- We RECOMMEND providing an electrical supply to the interior of the park for performances and public events.

WATER FEATURE

• The Subcommittee concurs with the UMass Landscape Design team that the Tan Brook – so much a part of the conversation from the start – be noted as an important element, and potential asset, of Kendrick Park. We do not recommend "daylighting" this polluted waterway. However, its cleanup should be addressed as an eventual and important public works project for the town to take on at some point in the future.

Respectfully submitted by The Natural & Landscape Subcommittee of The Kendrick Park Committee, December 2008.



Kendrick Park

Recreation Subcommittee Recommendations

Introduction

Recreational activities will likely be a prime use of Kendrick Park by Amherst's residents and visitors. Our subcommittee considered the concept of "recreation" broadly as we discussed types of development that could enhance these uses of the park.

General suggestions

- •This is an urban park and the subcommittee feels it should be developed as such. There are other quiet, green spaces in town, even in downtown, and therefore Kendrick Park can be used for more than that.
- •The park's current largely abandoned and deserted state has the potential to decrease the safety of the nearby neighborhoods, and reduce their desirability as places to live. On the other hand, an attractive well-designed urban space within walking distance would clearly enhance these neighborhoods and beautifully complement our new, more vibrant downtown.
- •The park should not be overbuilt; rather, there should be a limited number of additional facilities added, spaced and situated so as to keep the park from seeming overly busy. The ambience should be welcoming to all members of the community.
- •Any development should be designed to be a draw to the area, both for the neighbors and other town residents, but ideally for visitors from other towns as well.
- •Insofar as possible, features should be amenable to multiple rather than limited uses, and appeal to a number of demographic groups in town- e.g., young and old, or groups and individuals.
- •We would expect the overall plan created for the park to be implemented in stages over time, giving people opportunity to assess the plan's impact and make changes if necessary.
- •Suggested changes to the park would likely increase its use from a few tens of people per day to perhaps a few hundreds. We would of course not propose any type of development which would draw thousands of people to the park daily.
- •There are many examples of additions to our town and others which have become eyesores, unused, and even dangerous because budgets for maintenance or improvement costs were easy places to cut as money became tight. As consideration is given to any plan for Kendrick Park, the subcommittee strongly feels that maintenance be considered an integral part of the plan and its budgeting, and not left as an afterthought.

Specific recommendations

The subcommittee created a list of nearly two dozen possible features or activities which could be developed in the Park. We incorporated into this list the extensive compilation of suggestions from town residents, collected through various means: public hearings, email, newspaper ads soliciting input, and a gathering for teens generously hosted by Bertucci's across the street from the Park. We then individually prioritized the suggestions by overall desirability and by their

relative advantage/disadvantage for various demographic groups, and compiled the items that seemed consistently to come out on top. These ideas stood out:

- 1. Bathrooms. Not a recreational activity per se, but there are no public restroom facilities anywhere in downtown. Many- perhaps most- of the people likely to make use of the developed park (parents with toddlers, people spending time eating lunch and reading or throwing a frisbee, seniors walking the paths or taking in the ambience, listeners at a performance) might desperately need such facilities. The nearby restaurants should not be burdened with this. Reasonably inoffensive restroom facilities are found in urban parks around the world, and we should be able to provide them here as well. If impossible, the town should seriously consider public restrooms elsewhere downtown.
- 2. Playground. The request for a place in town for kids to play was overwhelmingly the most frequent suggestion we heard, and a few bumps or knolls to run up and down are not adequate for long. The subcommittee is not in favor of traditional metal or wooden structures; however, a number of companies exist to create "natural playgrounds" which are more suited to Kendrick Park. These are sustainable, environmentally friendly, aesthetically pleasing, and sensitive to the landscape in which they placed. They are welcoming and fun. Pictures of such playgrounds are included at the end of this report. Such a playground should be enclosed in some way (e.g., a tasteful, low wrought iron fence or stone wall) to provide safety for small children and a sense of security for their caregivers, and include seating spaces in and/or around for parents and visitors.
- 3. Well-designed walking paths. These should exist around and likely through the park as well. It should be possible to circumnavigate the park without needing to cross the street. These paths would be used by everyone from parents with strollers to older walkers and the disabled, and so should be constructed of a material which is friendly to all these users.
- 4. Open field. Part of the park should be kept for free-form activities such as throwing a frisbee or baseball, or laying out a picnic blanket or performing Tai Chi. Other spaces exist in town for these activities also, so this does not need to be a primary recreational purpose of Kendrick Park, only as a seasonal alternative to other recreational activities, such as:
- 5. Ice skating rink. Keeping in mind the desire to be efficient and create spaces which are multi-use, we envision this as overlapping open field space, or perhaps the performance space in some manner. Though a good quality ice rink may be difficult to maintain, winter is long and skating rinks are social and community-building. Everyone can benefit from being outside more of the year. Perhaps a good solution is a small sized rink that is easier to maintain.
- 6. Performing arts space. This perhaps would take the form of a bandshell of some sort, with seating in a natural amphitheater. A picture of such an amphitheater is attached. While only useful part of the year, there are many performing groups in town which could benefit from availability of such a space. Of course we do not envision blockbuster concerts drawing thousands of attendees, but smaller scale shows suited to outdoor presentation. Shakespeare in the park, poetry readings, a jazz group, and a return of "Hot Summer Nights" are examples which have been suggested by town residents.
- 7. Carousel. This recommendation won the hearts of even the most skeptical subcommittee members as it was discussed and debated. A carousel would be a real draw to the north end of the downtown area; it is interesting and enjoyable to individuals from young children and their parents, to school children or dating couples, to older residents who might like to watch

and listen and reminisce. Carousels are common to many small urban parks worldwide, do not need to take up much space, are available to be refurbished, and could be made to be quite Amherst- and Pioneer Valley-specific (for instance, a "very hungry caterpillar" created to replace a broken horse). Issues of construction, upkeep, and staffing are significant but should be addressable.

Other smaller features might be added as the design of the park progresses. These might include space for classic games such as bocce (a sport exploding in popularity); chess tables; or slate for hopscotch or chalk drawing. None of these take up much space and could be placed in or near other defined areas of the park.

Additionally, sufficient lighting would be required for safety and security in the park. The recreation subcommittee would highly recommend that any electrical addition to the park be laid underground.

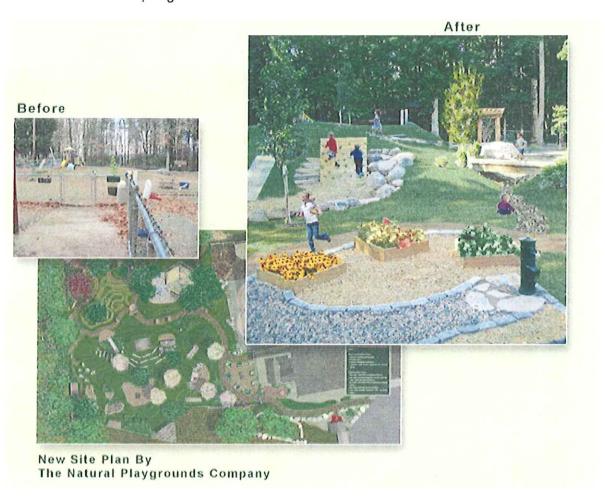
Other suggestions did not make the final cut for various reasons. Listed are a few of these:

- 1. A water spray park would be an asset to Amherst but probably belongs elsewhere (e.g., replacing the wading pool at Groff Park, or sited at the War Memorial Pool complex).
- 2. A skateboard plaza would provide a safe, sanctioned area for an athletic activity popular among an extraordinarily under-served demographic, but there is no good mechanism to provide the public education necessary to convince townspeople that such a facility can be relatively small, attractive, multi-use, and an incredibly positive asset to the town, or to dispel the widely-held but mistaken and disproven notion that such a facility is crime-ridden, dangerous, ugly, and fosters undesirable activities.
- 3. Courts for sports such as basketball or volleyball/badminton would appeal to a younger population, but did not seem to suit the overall ambience of Kendrick Park. It is noted that not much (other than an open field) is included to appeal to older children and teens.

Finally, it is recognized that certain of the rejected ideas (or indeed other ideas) may come to be seen as more in keeping with the overall design concept for the park as it develops. That said, the basic principles formulated in the first section above seem important to keep in mind, and the subcommittee would emphasize the desirability of fashioning facilities that are useful and draw people to the park.



Chelsea Flower Show, England



From Portfolio, Natural Playgrounds Co., Concord, NH





Copenhagen, Denmark





Scott Arboretum amphitheater, Swarthmore College

APPENDIX 12D

Kendrick Park Public Market Subcommittee Report

The Public Market Subcommittee of the Kendrick Park Committee was formed to propose some initial concepts around the creation of a public market/ farmer's market pavilion in the Kendrick Park. This report contains some of our recommendations. It is intended as only a preliminary review of some of the options for a market pavilion, since many of the specific decisions would be made by the designers in the context of the full suite of uses of Kendrick Park.

Farmer's markets are an increasingly popular way for people to buy their groceries. The most recent report of the Agricultural Marketing Service records 4,685 farmer's markets nationwide as of August 2008. This is an increase of 6.8 percent just since August 2006. There were only 1,755 farmer's markets recorded as recently as 1994. The Amherst Farmer's Market has been in existence for over 25 years, and is a lively social occasion for many area residents. The market highlights Amherst's location as an epicenter of the renaissance of small-scale, direct-marketed farming. Nonetheless, the Amherst Market is smaller than those of several cities that are demographically similar or smaller, such as Ithaca, NY, Madison, WI, Olympia, WA, or Brattleboro, VT. The market has a waiting list of vendors who wish to participate, and doesn't have the physical space or the market capacity to support them. A permanent or semi-permanent market pavilion could be an attractive feature of the newly developed Kendrick Park that would act as a local and regional destination. A larger market in Amherst would benefit area businesses as shoppers stay downtown both before and after visiting the market, and it would benefit area farmers by providing an outlet for their products. It would also benefit the civic life of the town by connecting people with their food supply and providing a regular social event. A welldesigned pavilion could also be used for many other civic events, ranging from community concerts and theater productions to fairs and art exhibitions.

Market Footprint

The current Amherst Farmer's Market has a total of about forty 10-foot-square market booths (there are fewer vendors than that because many of the vendors occupy two booths). A pavilion to accommodate that many booths and include a center aisle would need to be approximately 200' X 35'. In order to accommodate a 50% increase in vendors, 300' X 35' would be necessary, or the structure could be wider and include a center aisle, at 200' X 60-75'. A wider shape would make the structure more accommodating for other uses, especially if the center-aisle vendors had less permanent set-ups that could be easily removed. It only took a few minutes with a measuring tape to realize that a footprint of that size would overwhelm the South end of Kendrick Park, taking up at least two of the "rooms" created by the yards of the former houses in the park, thus eliminating the intimate feeling of the South end of the park. The North end of the park, however, is much more expansive, and could easily accommodate a structure of that size without cutting many trees, and still have some open space. The North End also could potentially accommodate some parking along North Pleasant Street to the West. We even envisioned a possibility of a V-shaped structure along the two Northern sides of the Park, with an archway in the center of the V, that could include a small, more secure, section with bathrooms and other functions. The area enclosed

by the "V" could be an open field where people could sit for open-air performances. The picture below of a market in Auckland, NZ shows the potential for a V-shaped arrangement. **Structural Characteristics**

Many farmer's markets (including the current one in Amherst) feature temporary tents brought by the vendors as the sole structure. While this type of arrangement can be quite successful, there would be little advantage to holding a market of this type at Kendrick Park. The current market is already very successful, and moving the location would not be an advantage. A pavilion which covered the whole market area, however, would make the market more inviting, especially during inclement weather. The pavilion could exist along a spectrum of permanence. We envision an open, airy structure that could be constructed from Gothic-arch hoops (as in the Eau Claire, WI market pictured below) or as a pole-barn-type structure (represented in all of the other pictures below). It would help with extending the market season if some portion of the pavilion could be partially enclosed and even a minimal amount of heat could be added. Even if the structure only provided a roof, it would still help to make the market more inviting in the colder months as well as on rainy days in the spring, summer or fall. For security, sections of the structure should either be lockable, or very open so as not to invite illegitimate uses. The roof could be metal, or could be a canvas covering. Canvas roofs are now available in very attractive colors and can act to let some light into the area (see the Auckland market picture below). Several of the structures we have seen pictures of have skylights built into the roof to let in extra light. A long, skinny structure is very common, allowing vendors to pull up and unload all along the outside and then sell to customers walking down the inside. A shape that tended more towards an oval or a wider rectangle would be more advantageous for other types of events.

In order to allow for trucks to pull up and unload produce (or sound equipment for concerts, sets for theater, etc.), some type of hard surface would be necessary around the pavilion. However, this use would be infrequent (a few hours per week), and several possibilities exist that would be less disruptive than asphalt. A gravel or stone driveway would be fairly inexpensive. "Grass-crete" is another possibility, which consists of porous paving tiles that allow grass to grow through them. This creates a surface which can be driven on even in very wet conditions, but which looks like a lawn. There is also a range of options for the interior surface of the pavilion, ranging from a more permanent concrete or wood floor to a more temporary stone-dust.

Market Logistics

We would envision one weekday and one weekend market at the new pavilion. The most likely scenario would be that vendors would pull up and unload their trucks and then drive away to park someplace nearby. This is significantly less convenient for the vendors, but workable, and would make for a more attractive marketplace. It is possible that North Pleasant Street to the West of the park could be either closed off or one-way during the hours of the market to allow for better parking availability for both vendors' trucks and for customers. Parking is also available in the lots by the Carriage Shops; a better pedestrian crossing on East Pleasant Street would be needed to make this a safe option.

A farmer's market pavilion in Kendrick Park would be a strong asset to the Amherst community, providing benefits to area farmers, downtown businesses and the general public. A careful design could also create a structure useful for many other civic functions, and would leave a significant portion of the park as open space or available for other uses. We feel that a market pavilion would be the "featured destination" aspect of the park that many

people have talked about in the Kendrick Park committee meetings. A market pavilion would highlight some of what makes Amherst special and attract people from other towns into the downtown region.



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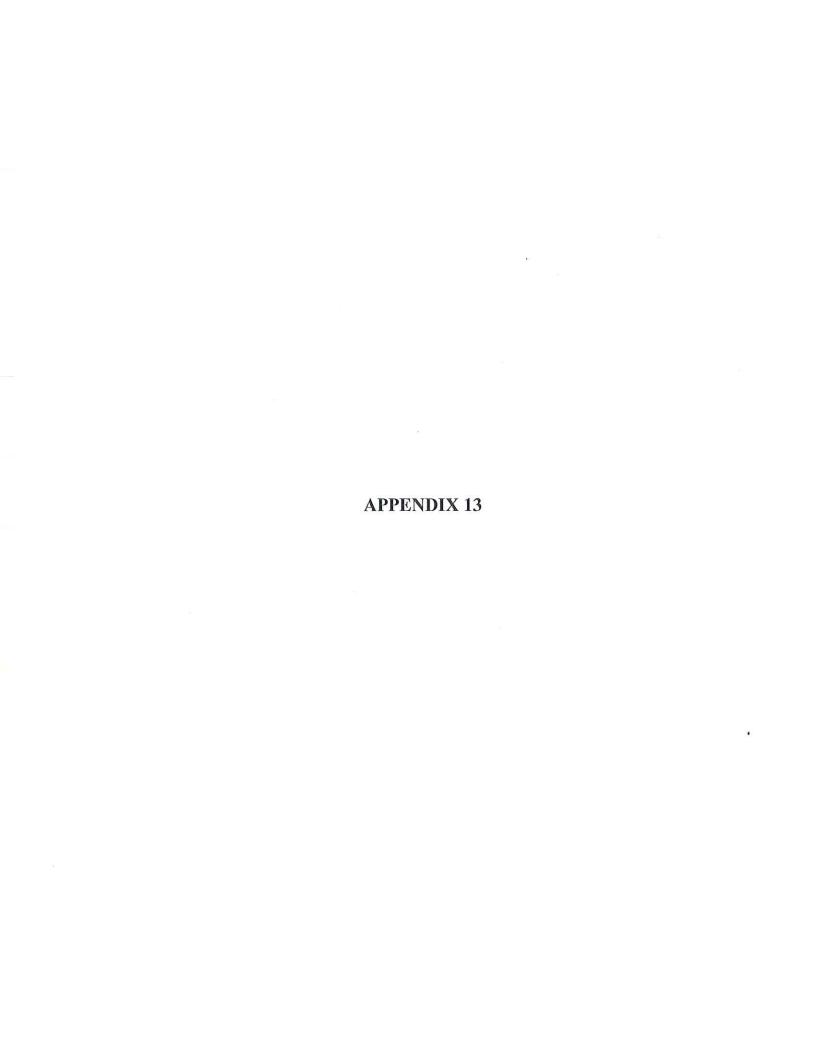
Eau Claire, Wisconsin



Ithaca, New York



Durham, North Carolina



Natural Playgrounds

- A. Play areas are designed and built to combine landscape elements, movement corridors, sun paths, weather patterns, drainage courses, plant groupings, and other site amenities with carefully chosen natural materials, structures, and features to create safe, accessible, age-appropriate play, social, and learning opportunities in natural play areas that look and feel like they've been there forever.
- B. Natural playgrounds focus on creating settings to enable the type of play most important to our youngest children: social play (pretending) and constructive play (building).

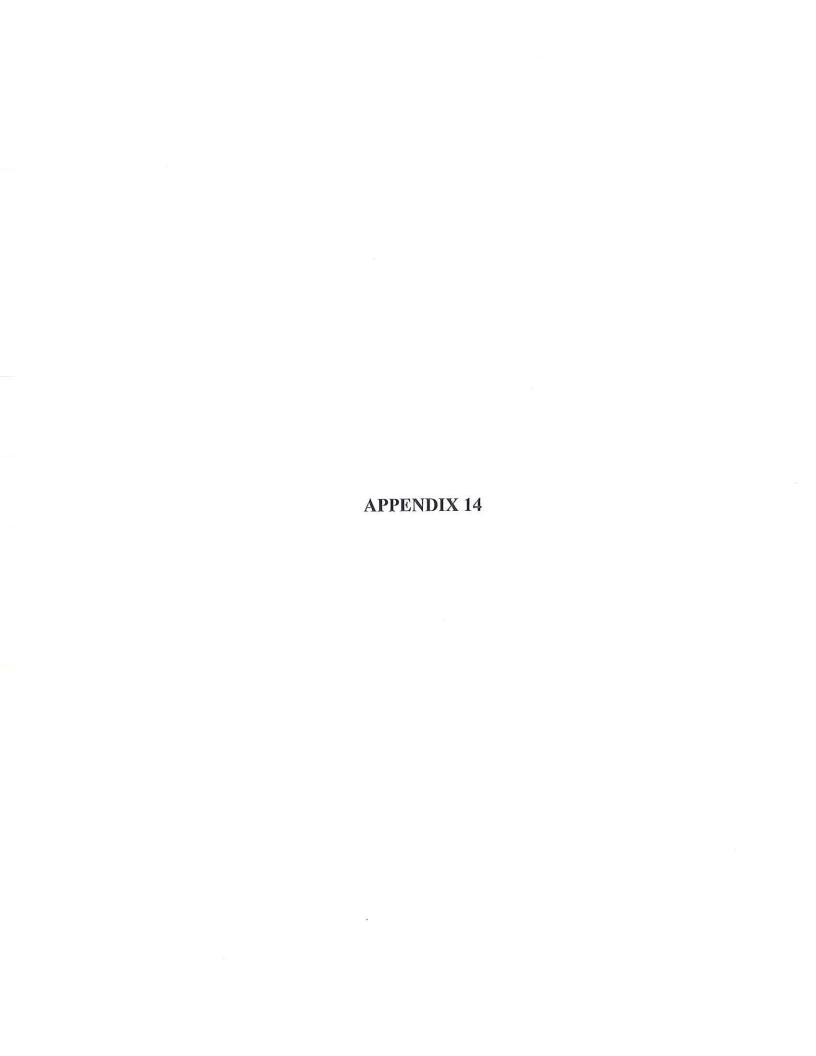
Such play areas are becoming increasingly popular around the world; they are more sustainable, more interesting, less expensive to build, and emphasize discovery and physical play in a time when the pull of electronic "virtual" activities seems nearly overwhelming. Such a playground seems ideally suited to Kendrick Park.





See also:

http://www.unh.edu/news/cj_nr/2008/oct/bp7playground.cfm http://naturalplaygrounds.com/whatare.php http://naturalplaygrounds.info/



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